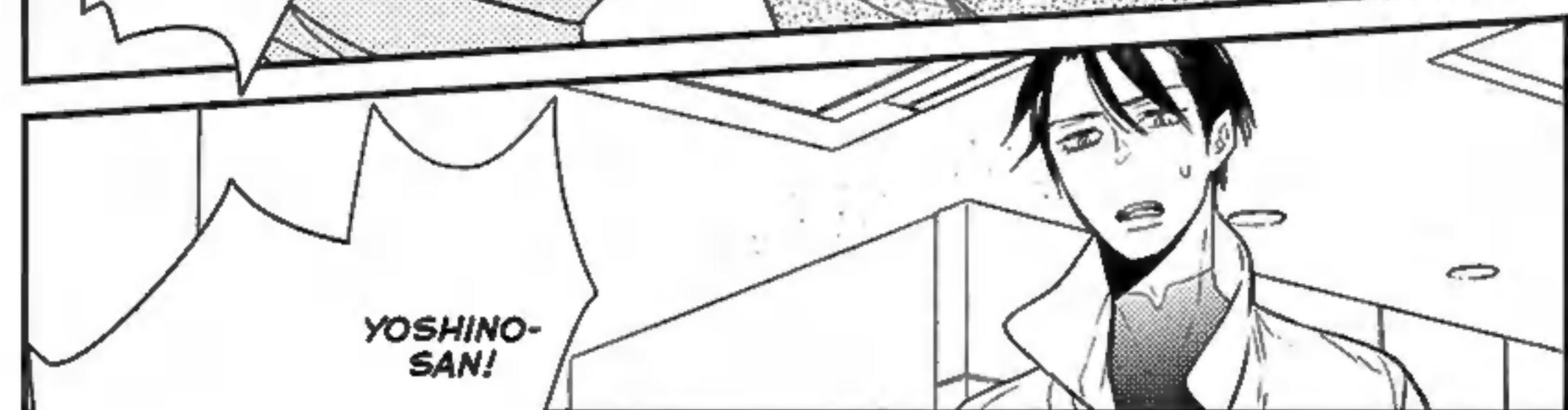
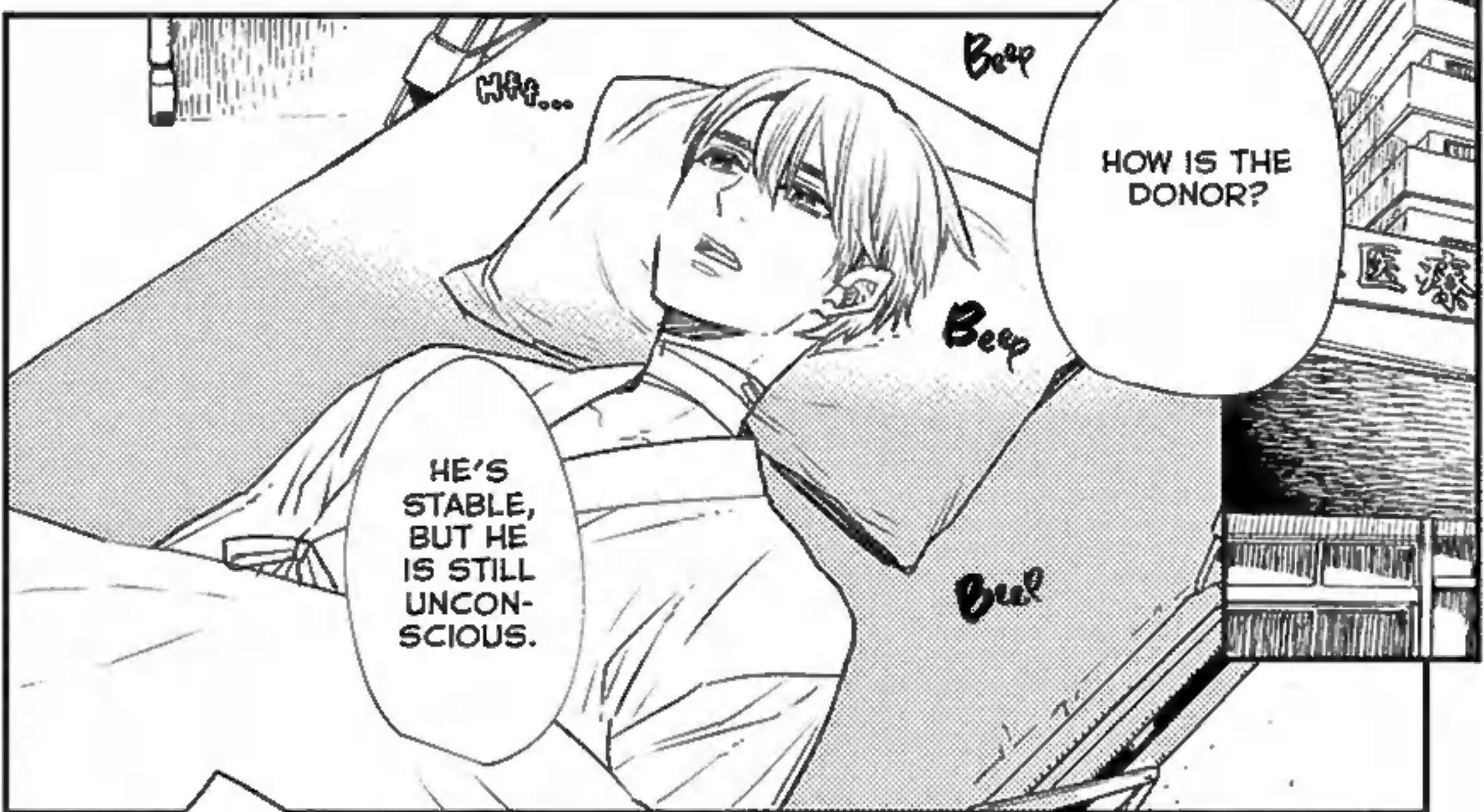
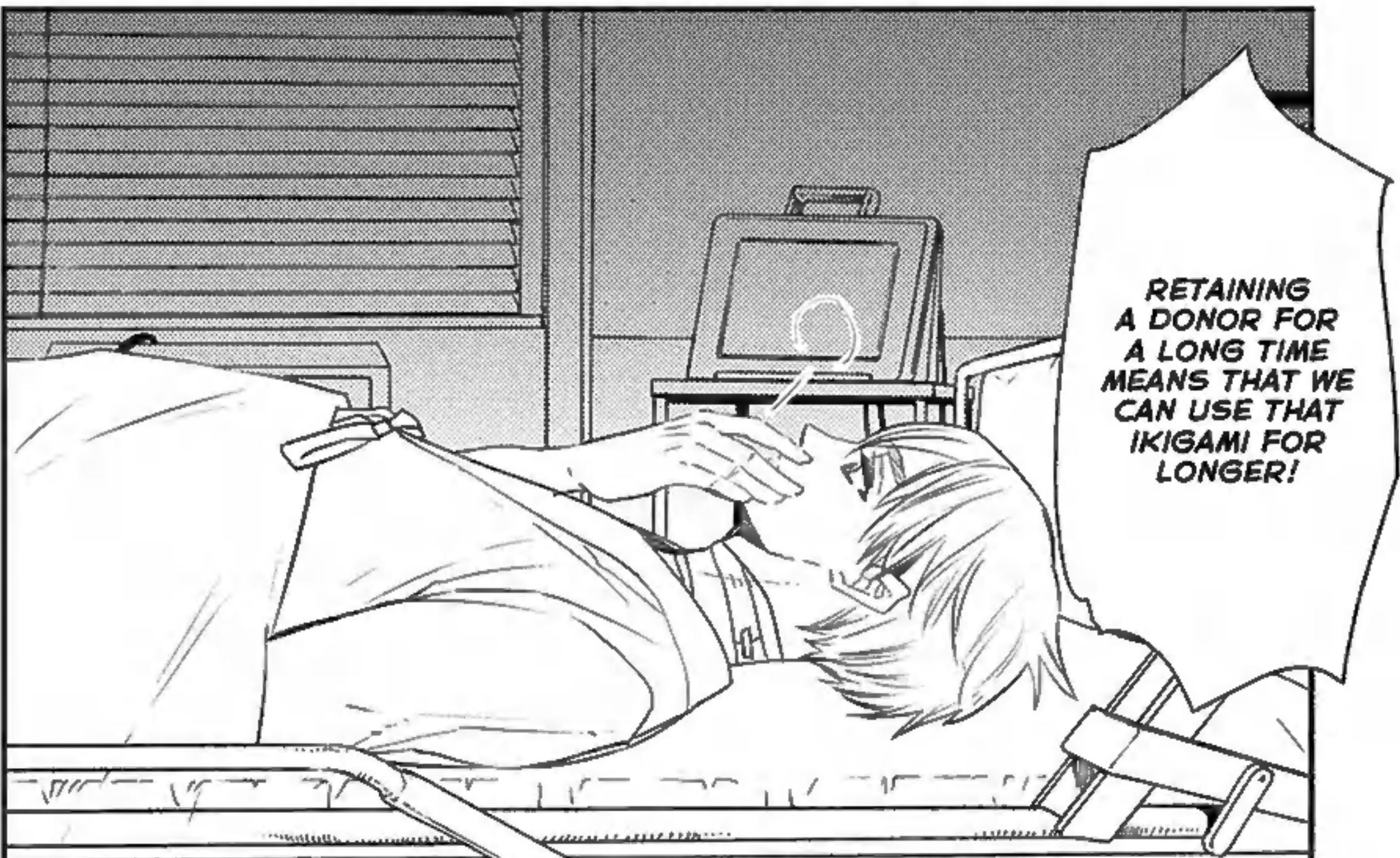


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THEY  
WERE THE  
HIGHER-UPS  
FROM THE  
CENTER.

SORRY YOU  
HAD TO GO  
THROUGH  
THAT.

ARE YOU  
AWAKE?

THEN THEY  
MUST ALSO  
VIEW IKIGAMI IN  
THE SAME WAY.

I WAS JUST  
THINKING, IF  
THEY TREAT  
DONORS LIKE  
OBJECTS,

NO, I'M  
FINE.

But,

I HEARD THAT KIDOU  
WAS BROUGHT TO THIS  
CENTER WHEN HE WAS  
TEN YEARS OLD.

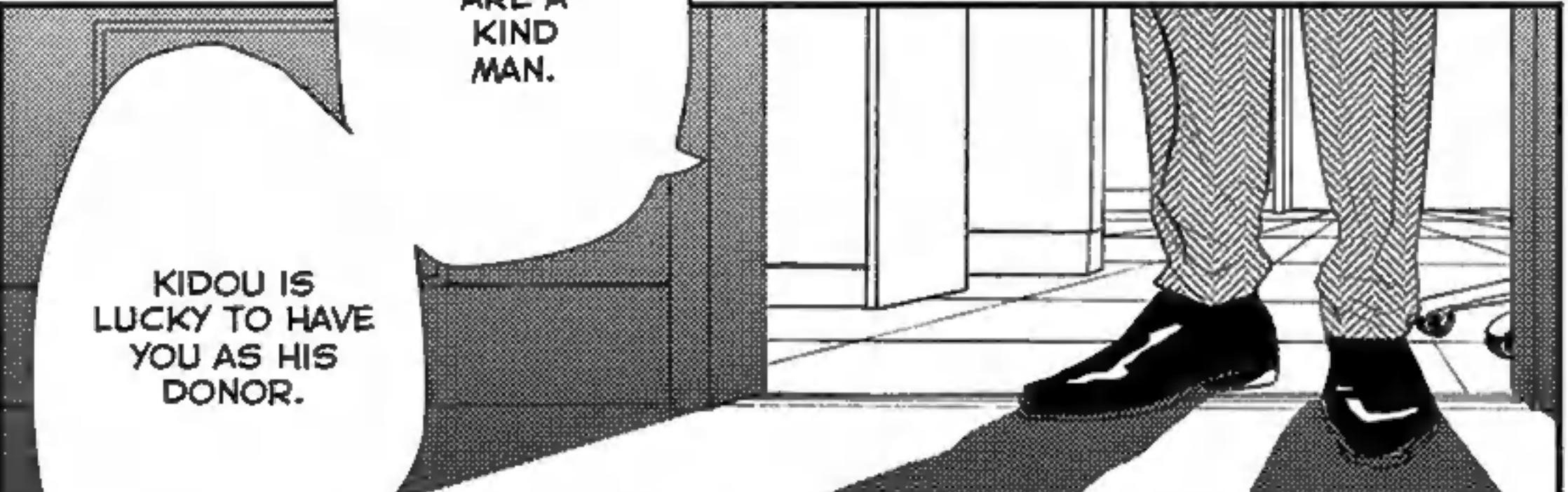


I WAS JUST  
CURIOS,

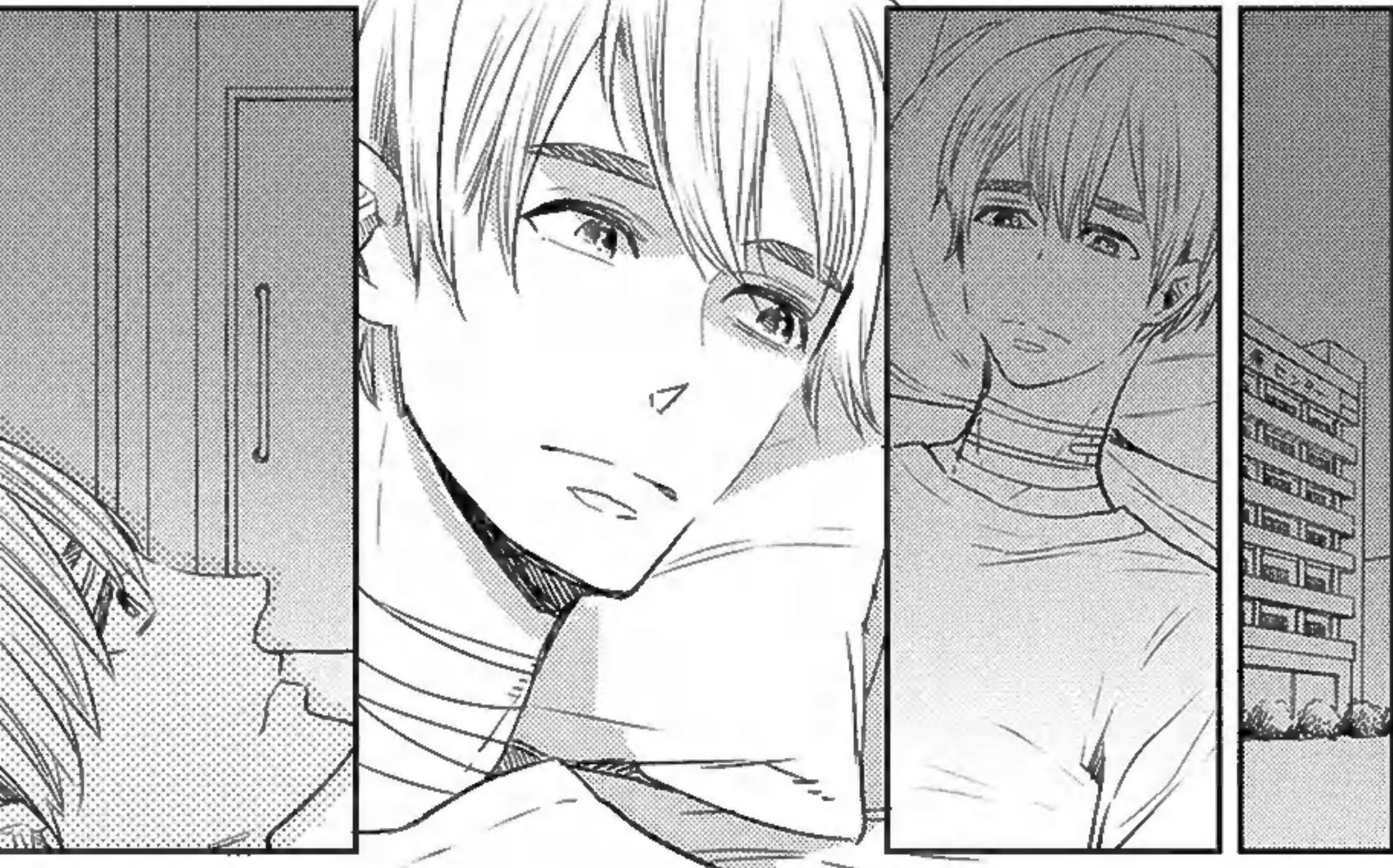
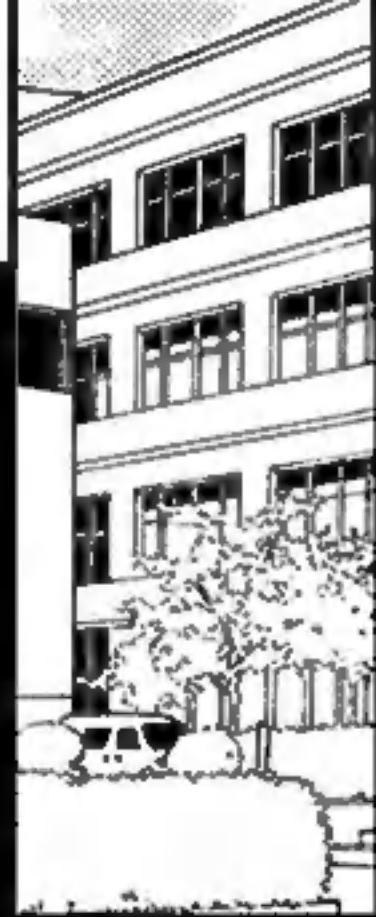


HOW THEY  
RAISED HIM  
UNDER THIS  
ENVIRONMENT.

...YOU  
ARE A  
KIND  
MAN.



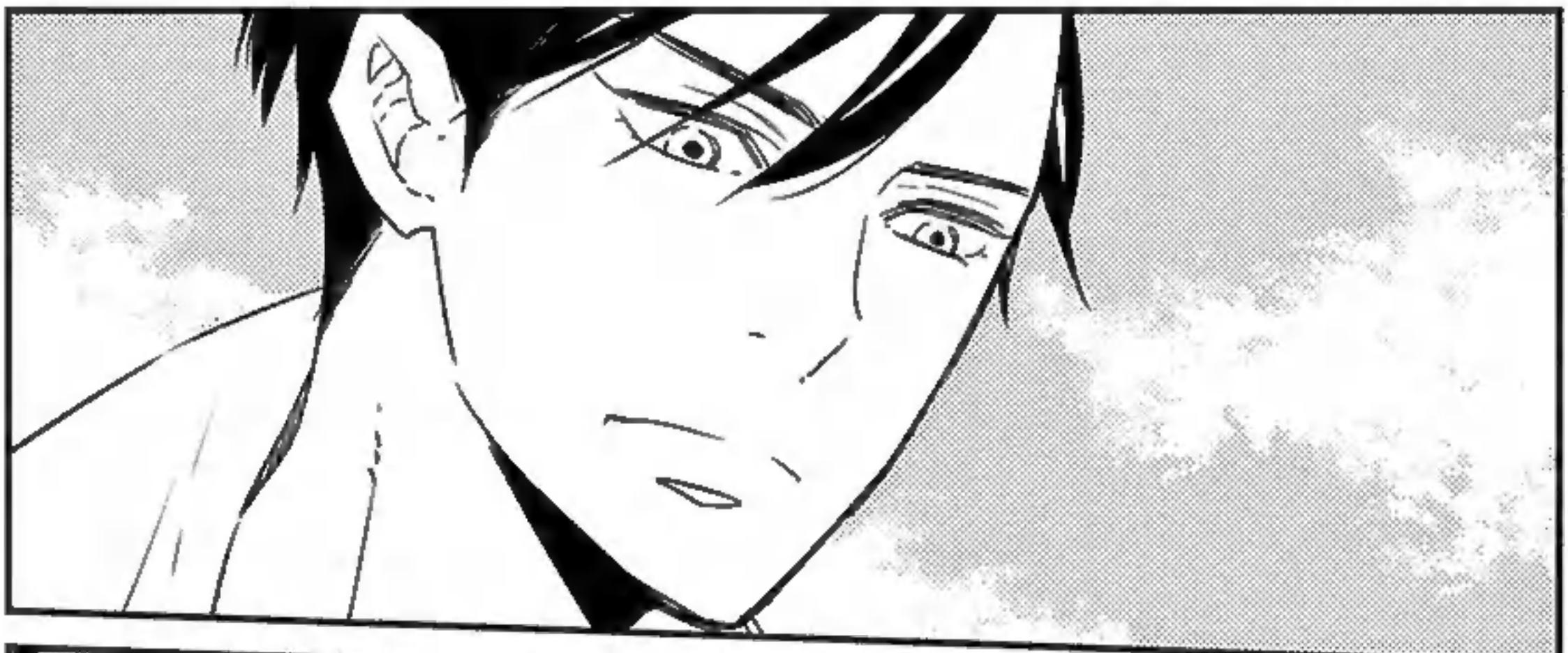
KIDOU IS  
LUCKY TO HAVE  
YOU AS HIS  
DONOR.



It's been five  
days since Kidou  
has come to see  
me for treatment.











NO NEWS  
FROM KIDOU  
TODAY  
EITHER.

HE'S  
MOVING  
FROM THE  
DONOR'S  
WORKPLACE  
TO THE  
CENTER.



AGAIN?

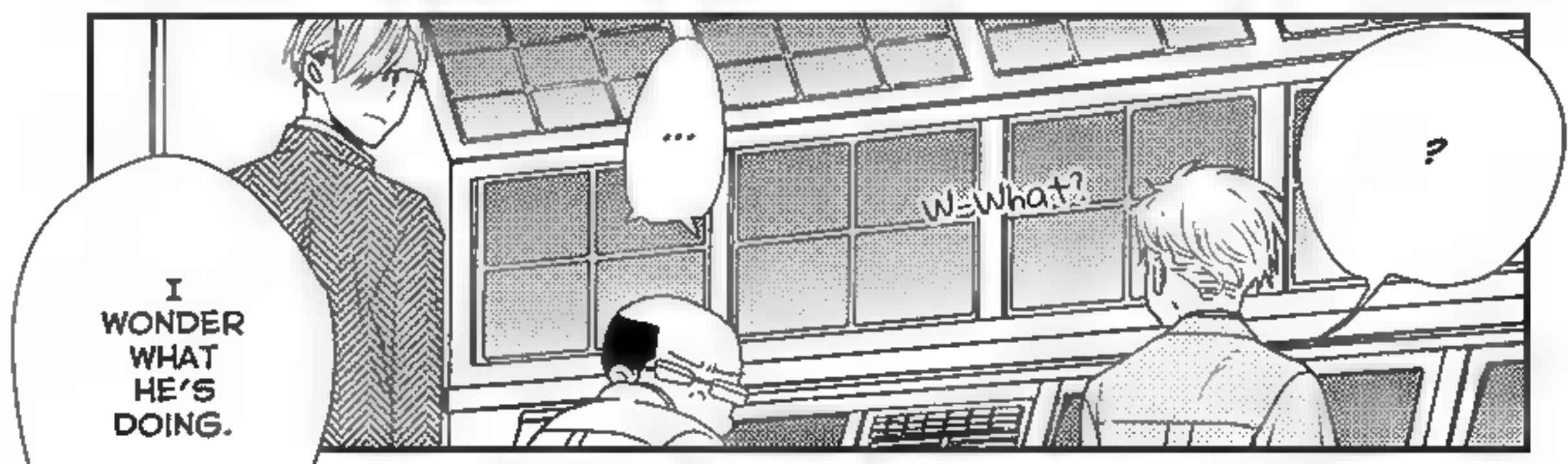
WHERE'S  
KIDOU?



THEY'RE NOT  
TOUCHING,  
THOUGH.

HIS  
BRAINWAVES  
AND HEART  
RATE ARE  
NORMAL.

IS HE  
GOING OUT  
ON DATES WITH  
HIS DONOR  
EVERY DAY?





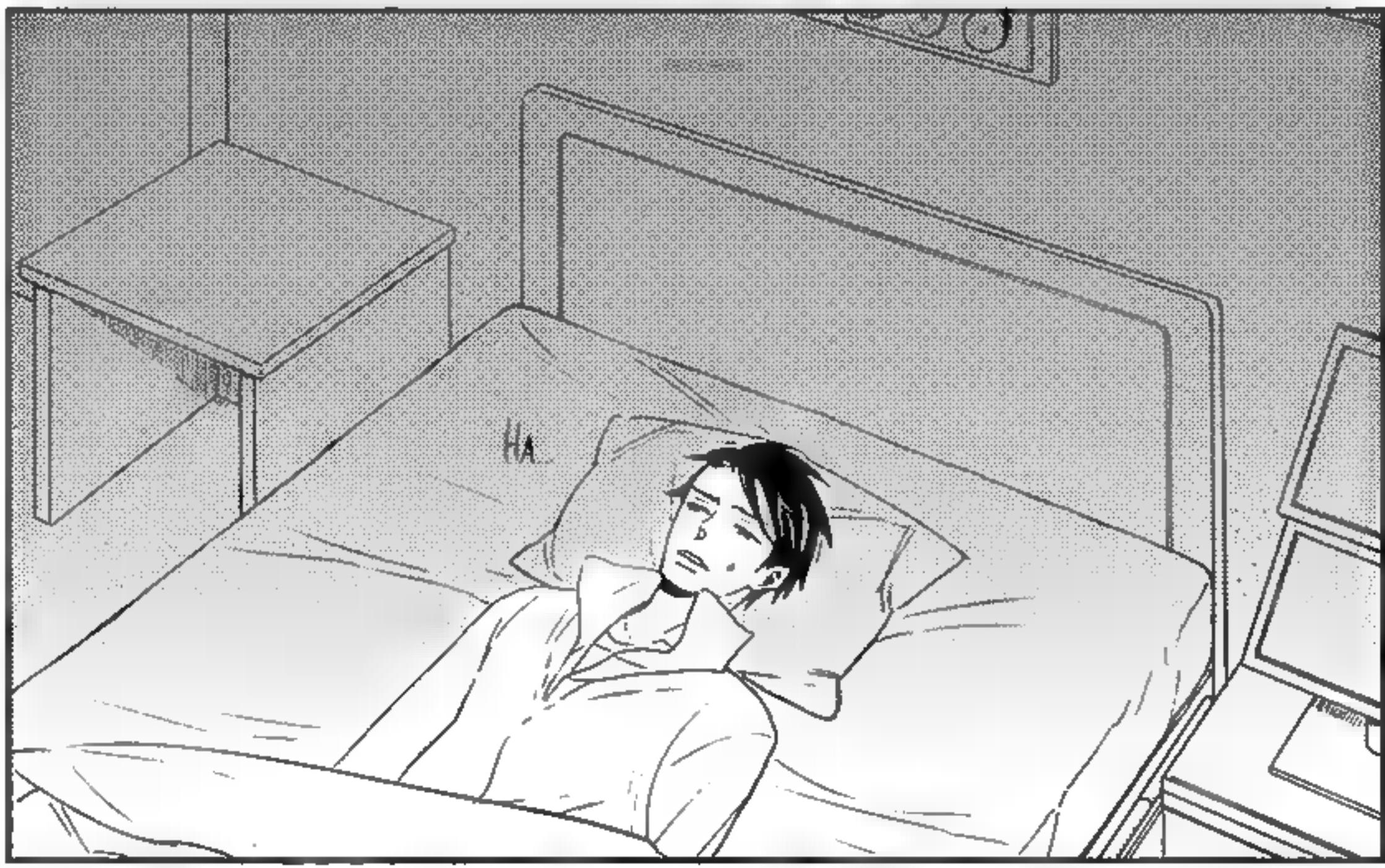
Wanting to  
hurt...

shouldn't  
mean it'll  
actually  
inflict pain.

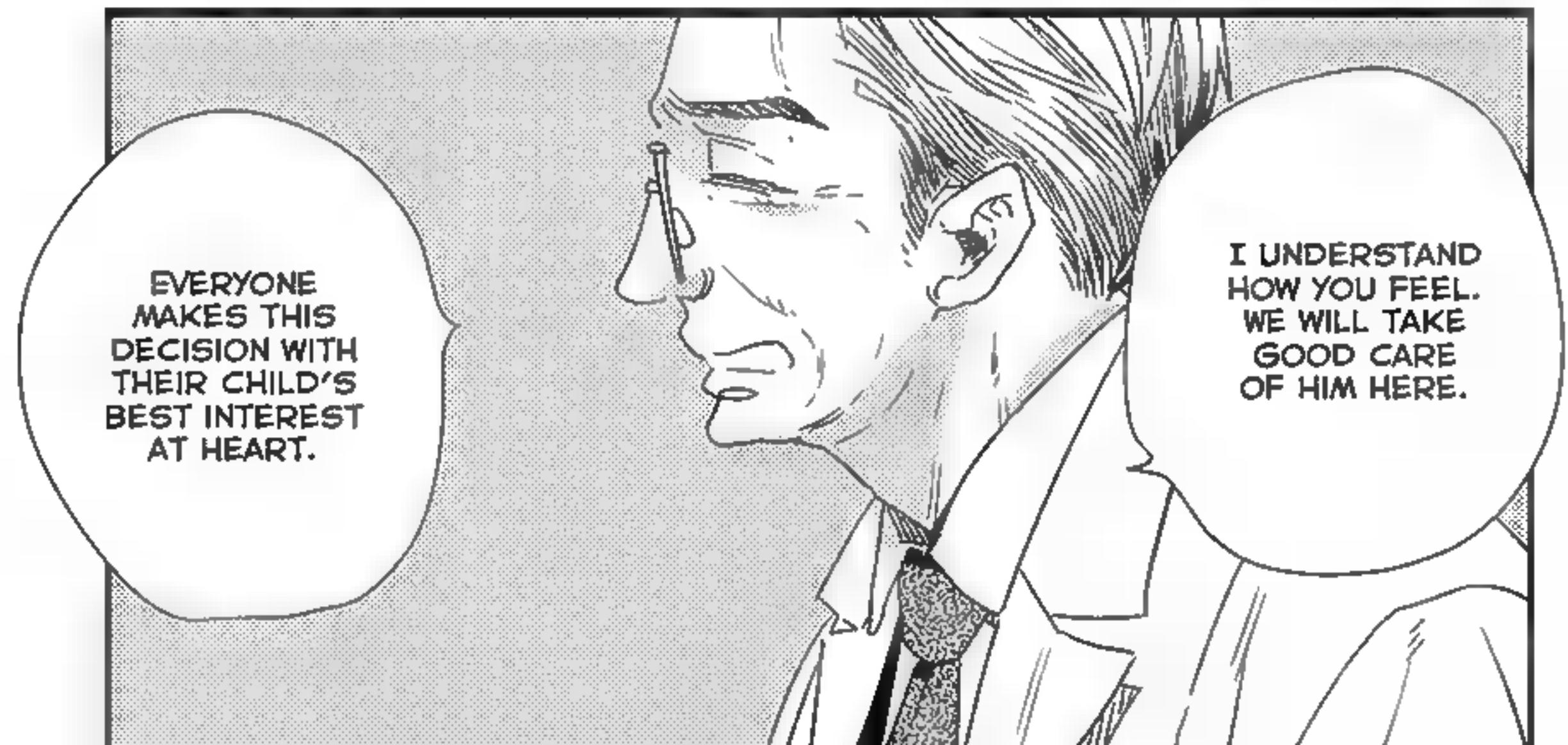


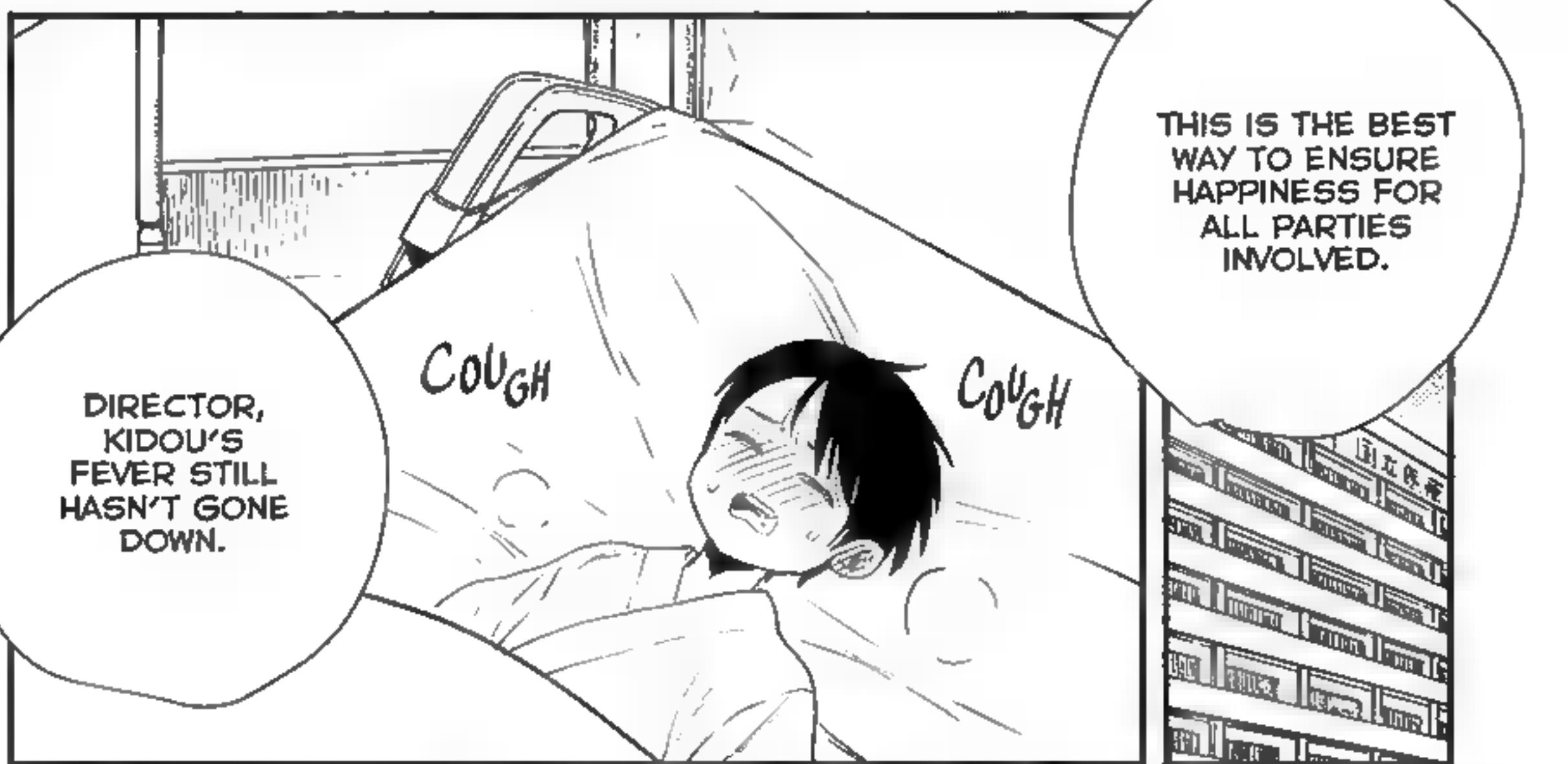










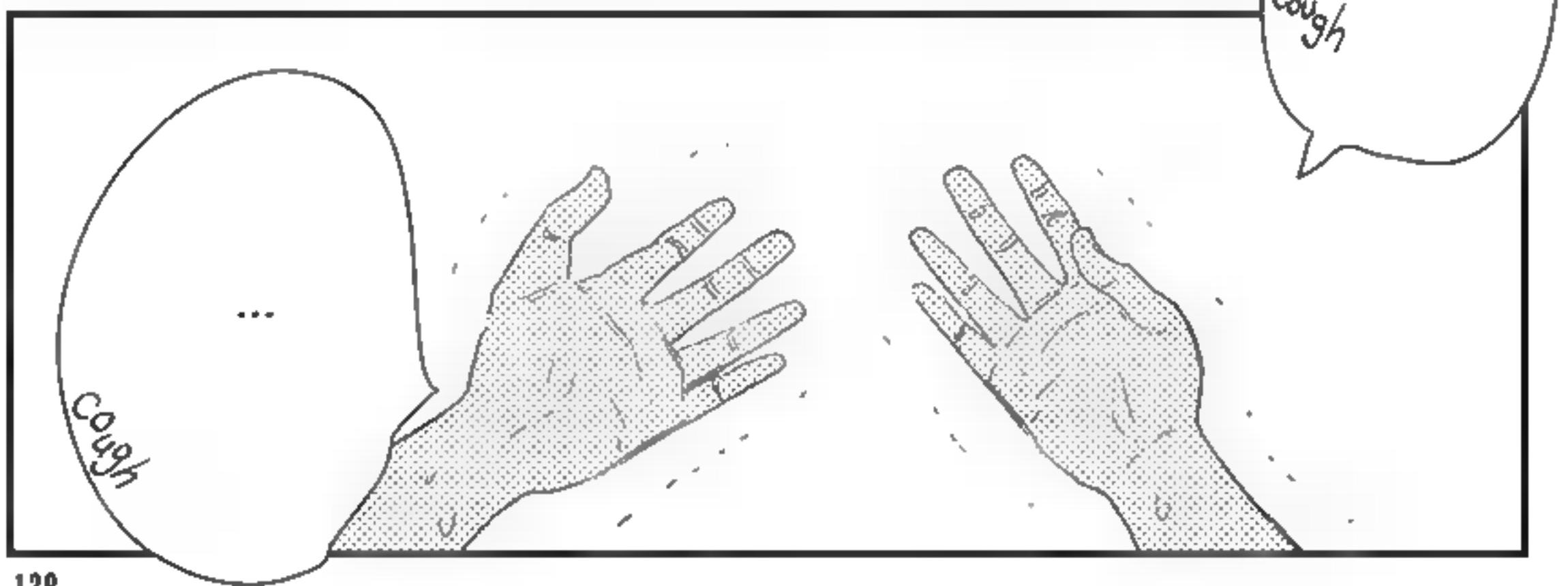
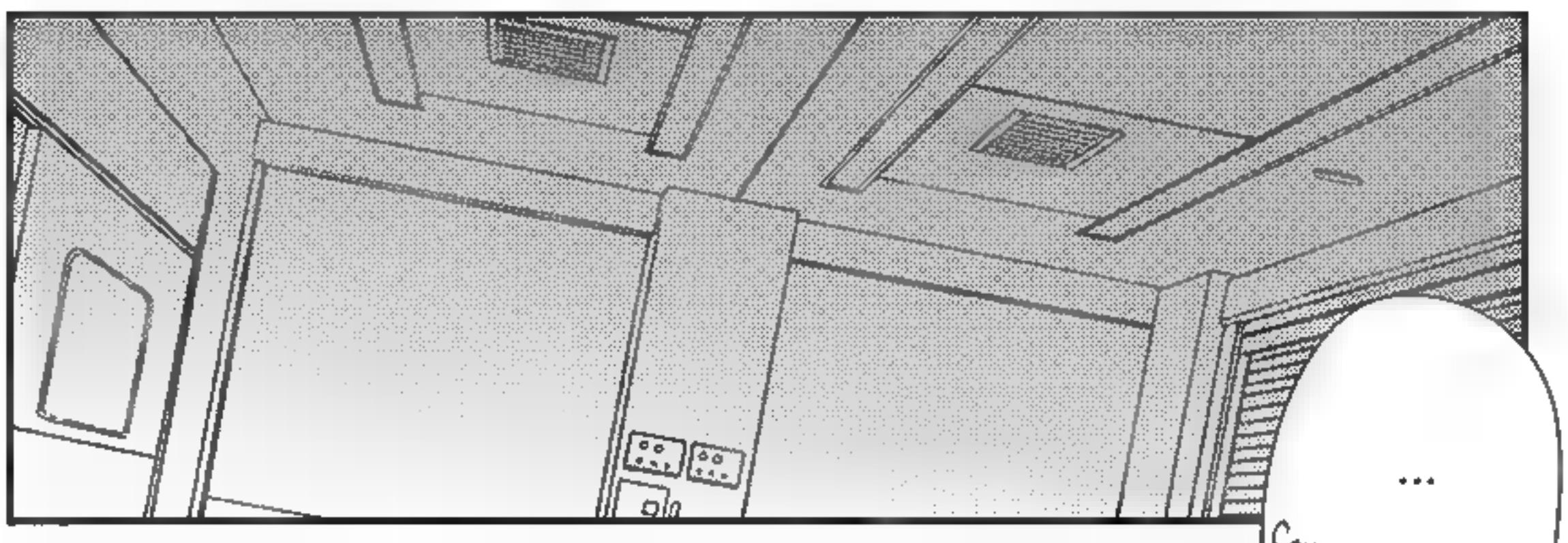


IF SOMEONE  
PRESENTS AS AN  
IKIGAMI DURING  
ADOLESCENCE,  
THEIR IMMUNE  
SYSTEM HASN'T  
BUILT UP YET.

MY  
GOODNESS,  
IKIGAMI  
BODIES ARE  
SUCH A PAIN  
TO DEAL  
WITH.

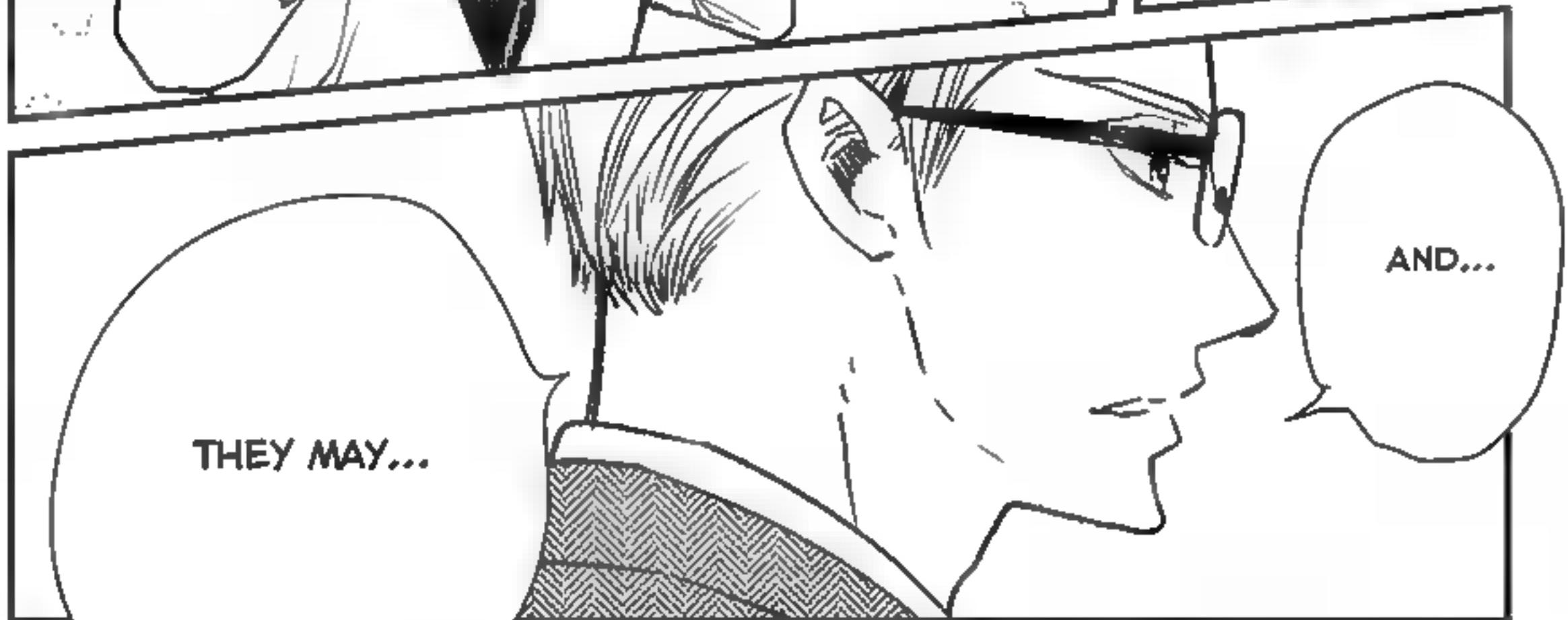
HM?



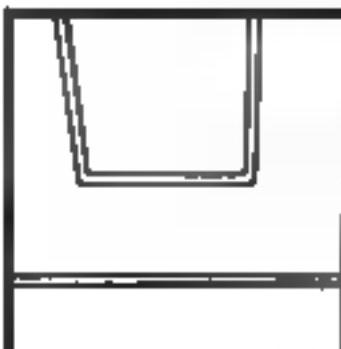












IT'S JUST  
A COLD,

I THINK  
HE'LL BE  
FINE IN  
NO TIME.

AND HE'S  
BEEN TAKING  
YOUR BLOOD.

WHAT?

BUT DON'T  
WORRY.

HE'S  
BEEN  
SLEEPING  
OFF A FEVER  
FOR THE  
PAST FEW  
DAYS.

WE WERE  
GOING TO,  
BUT...

YOU  
COULD'VE  
CALLED  
ME.

KIDOU TOLD  
US NOT TO.



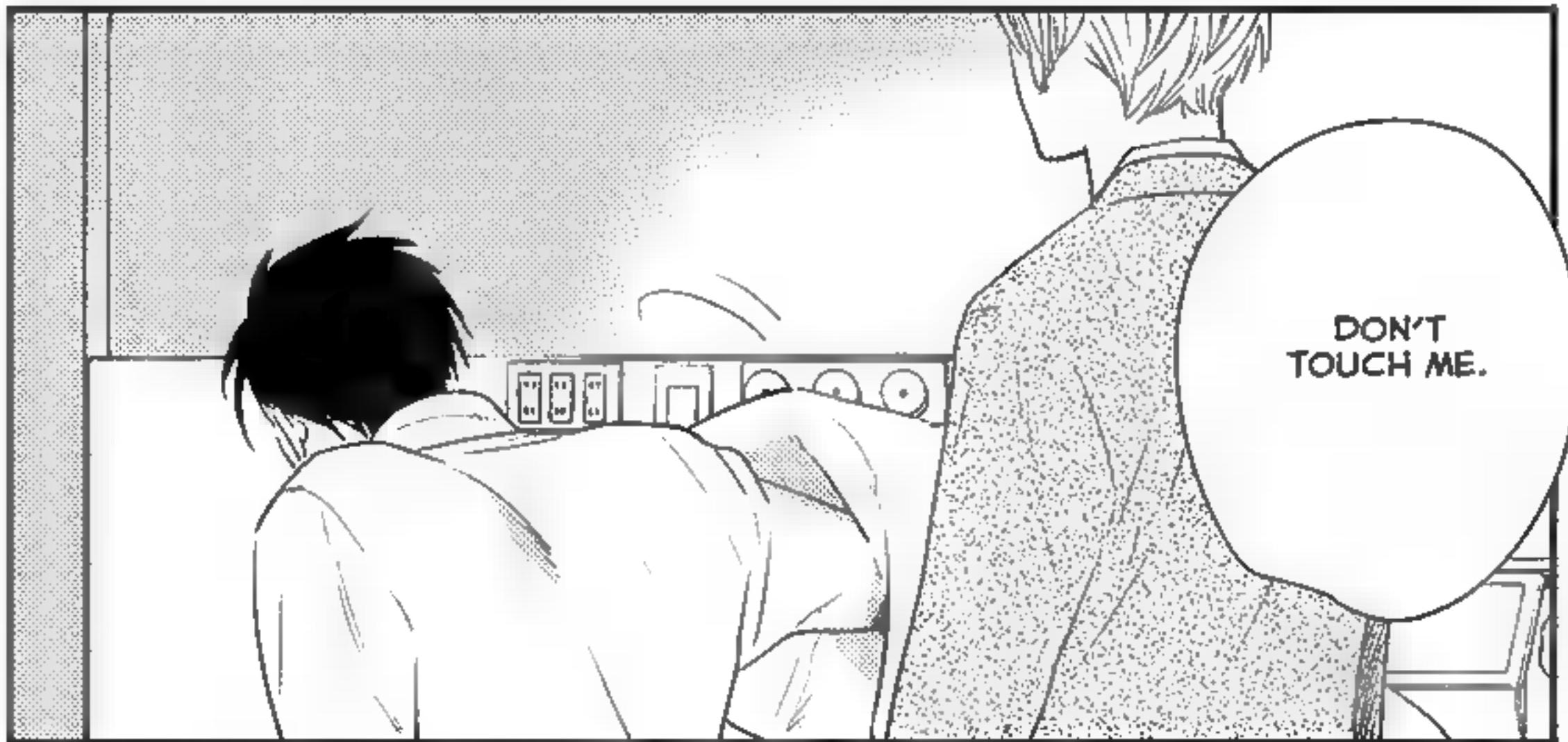
PROBABLY  
BECAUSE OF THE  
INCIDENT LAST  
TIME...





IT'LL GO  
DOWN WITH A  
KISS, WON'T  
IT?

YOU PISS ME  
OFF. I TOLD YOU,  
TO GET OUT.





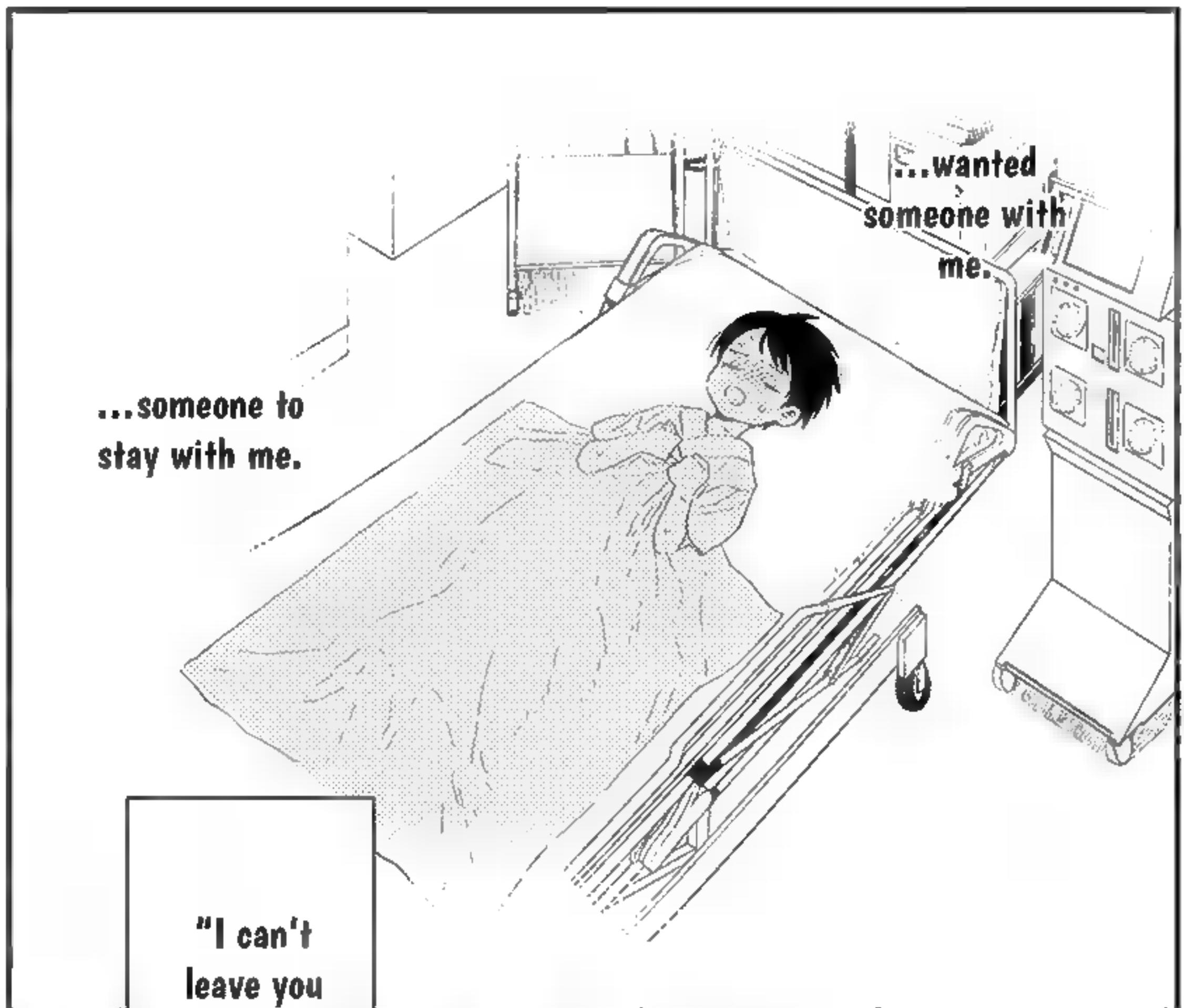


A violent kiss.



Like when  
an abandoned  
dog finds its  
owner.







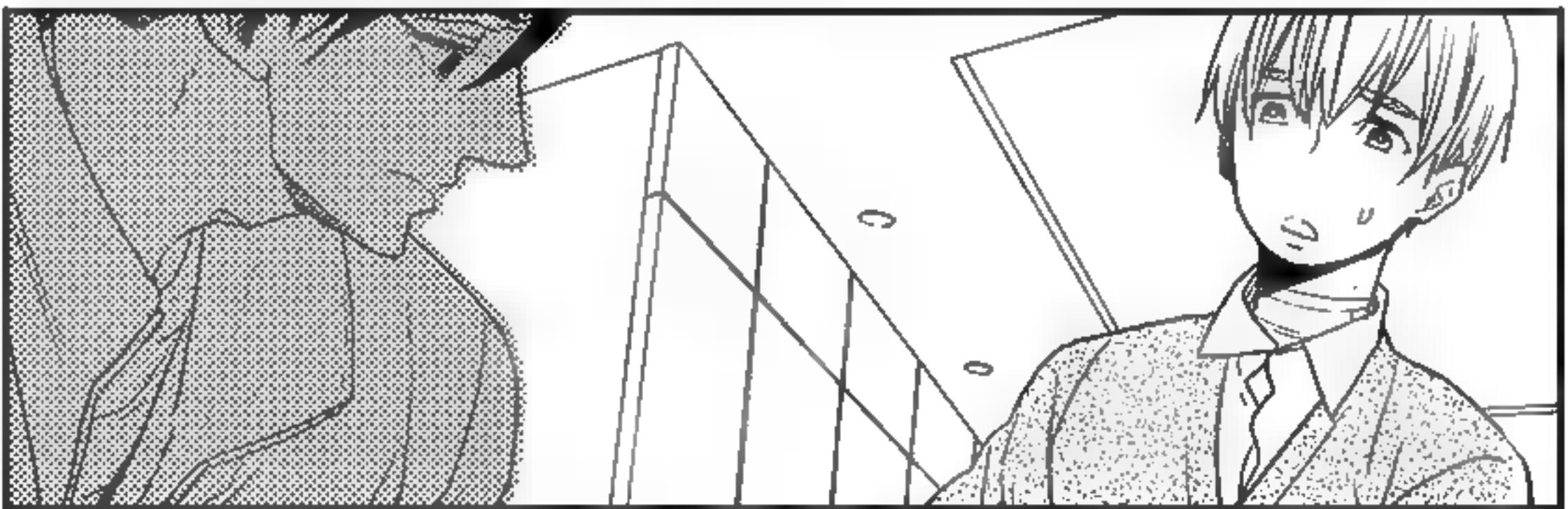


"THEY  
MAY..."



"...love  
you."

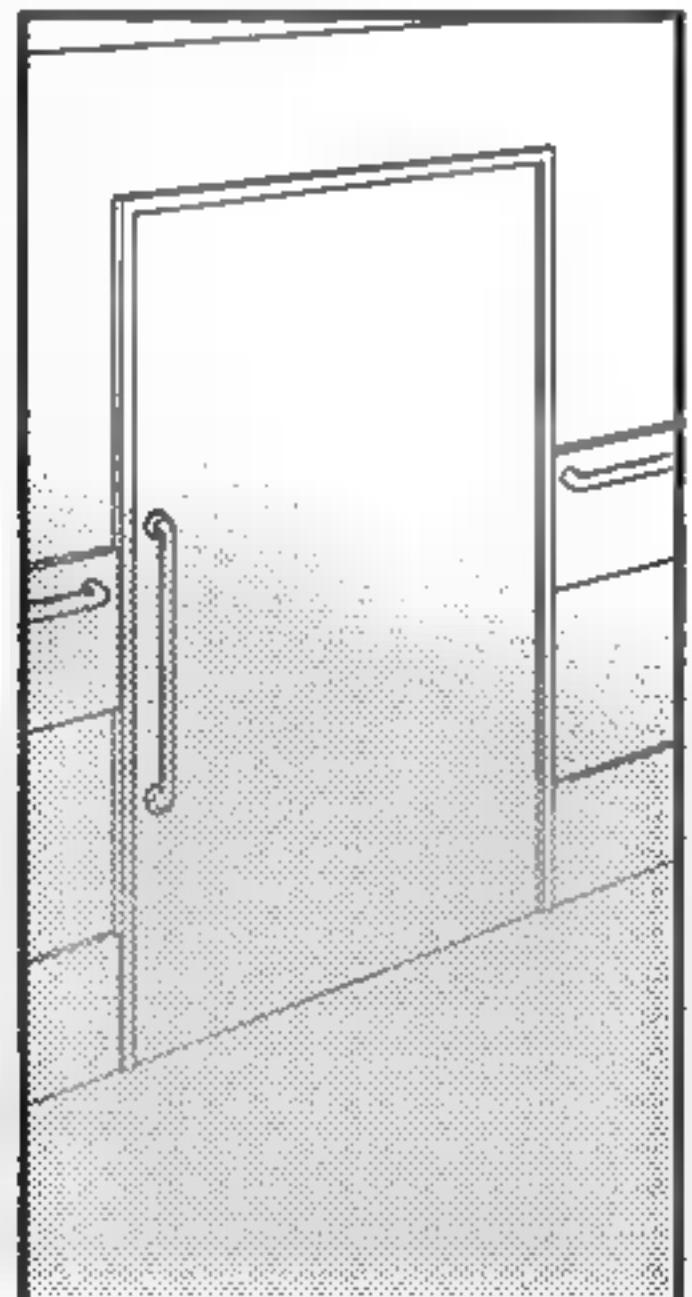
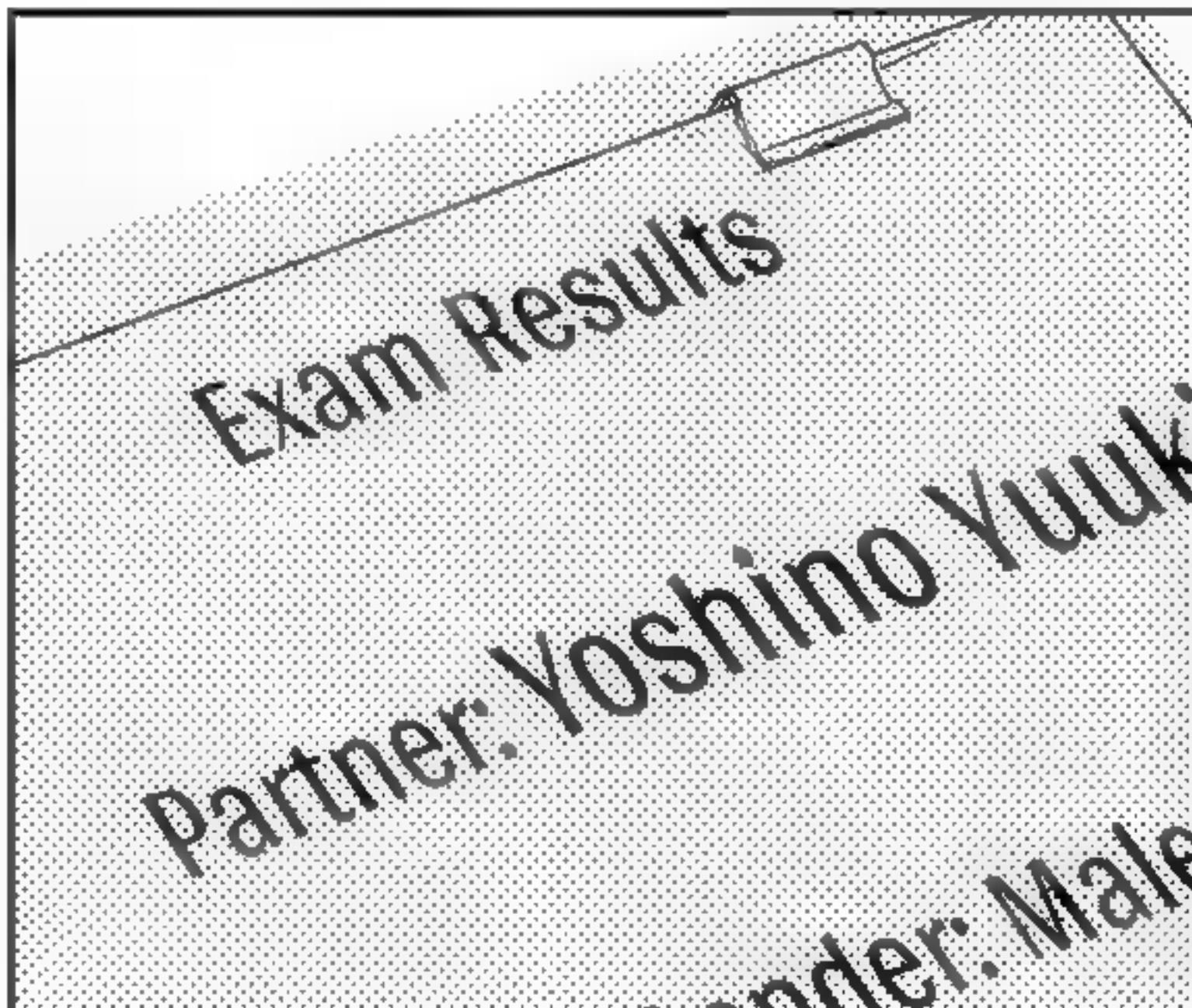
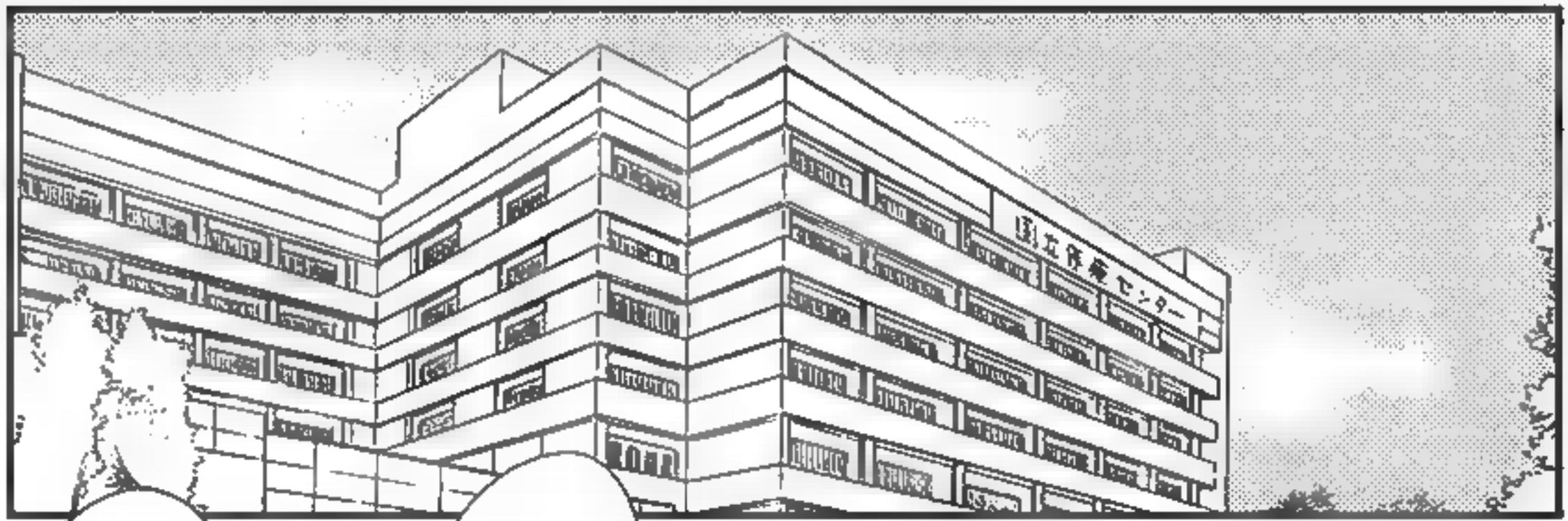


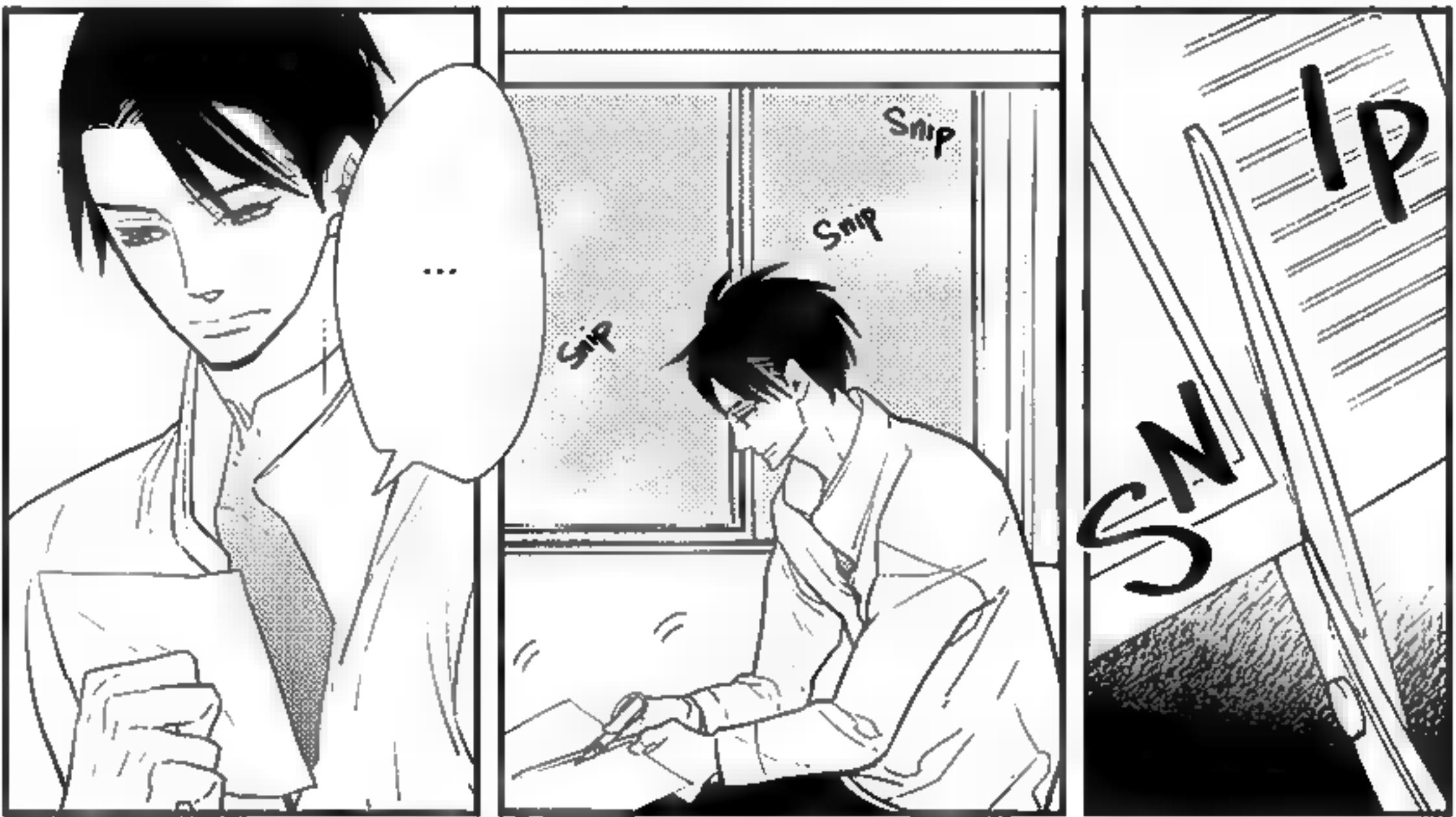


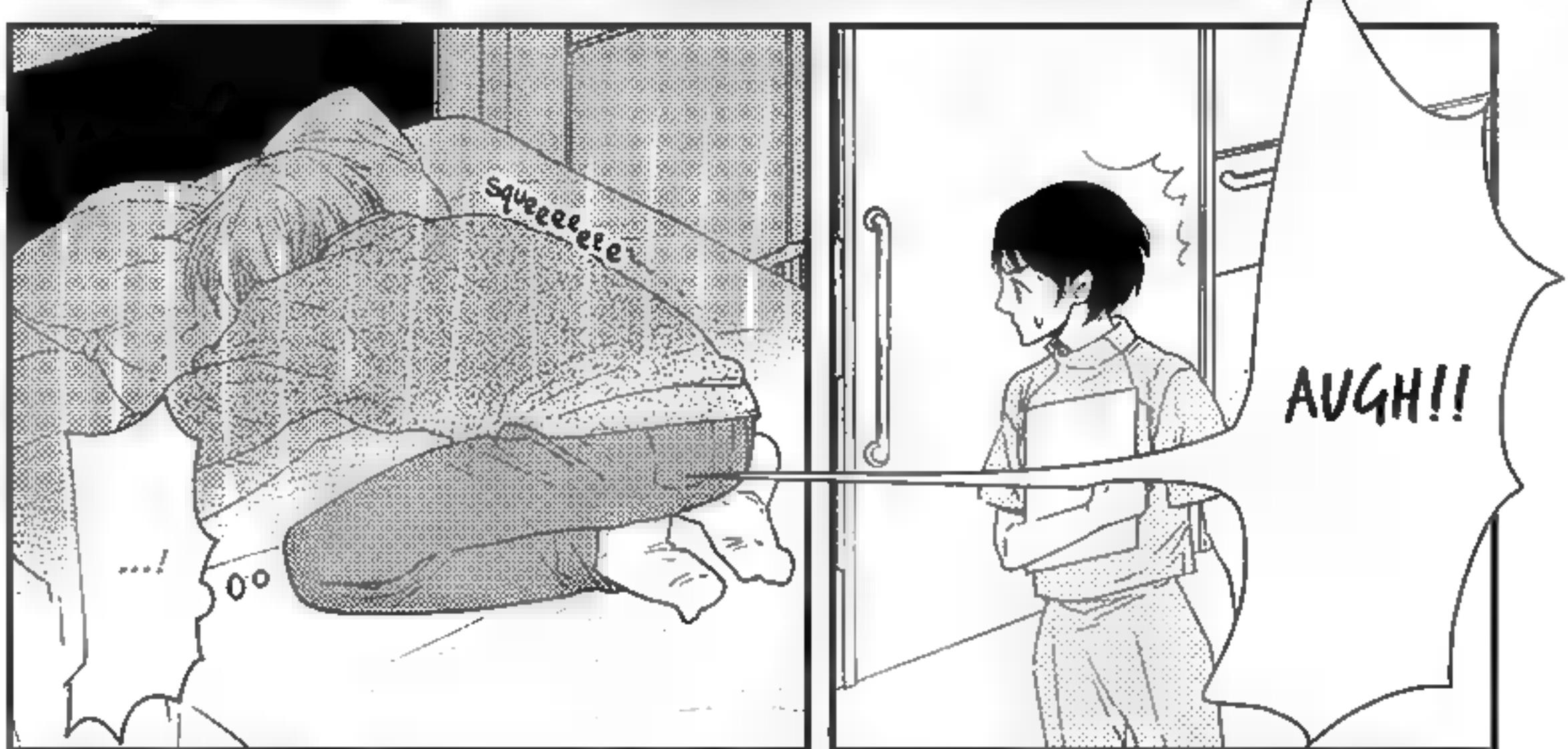
Hiko  
IKIGAMI  
& DONOR  
book (1).

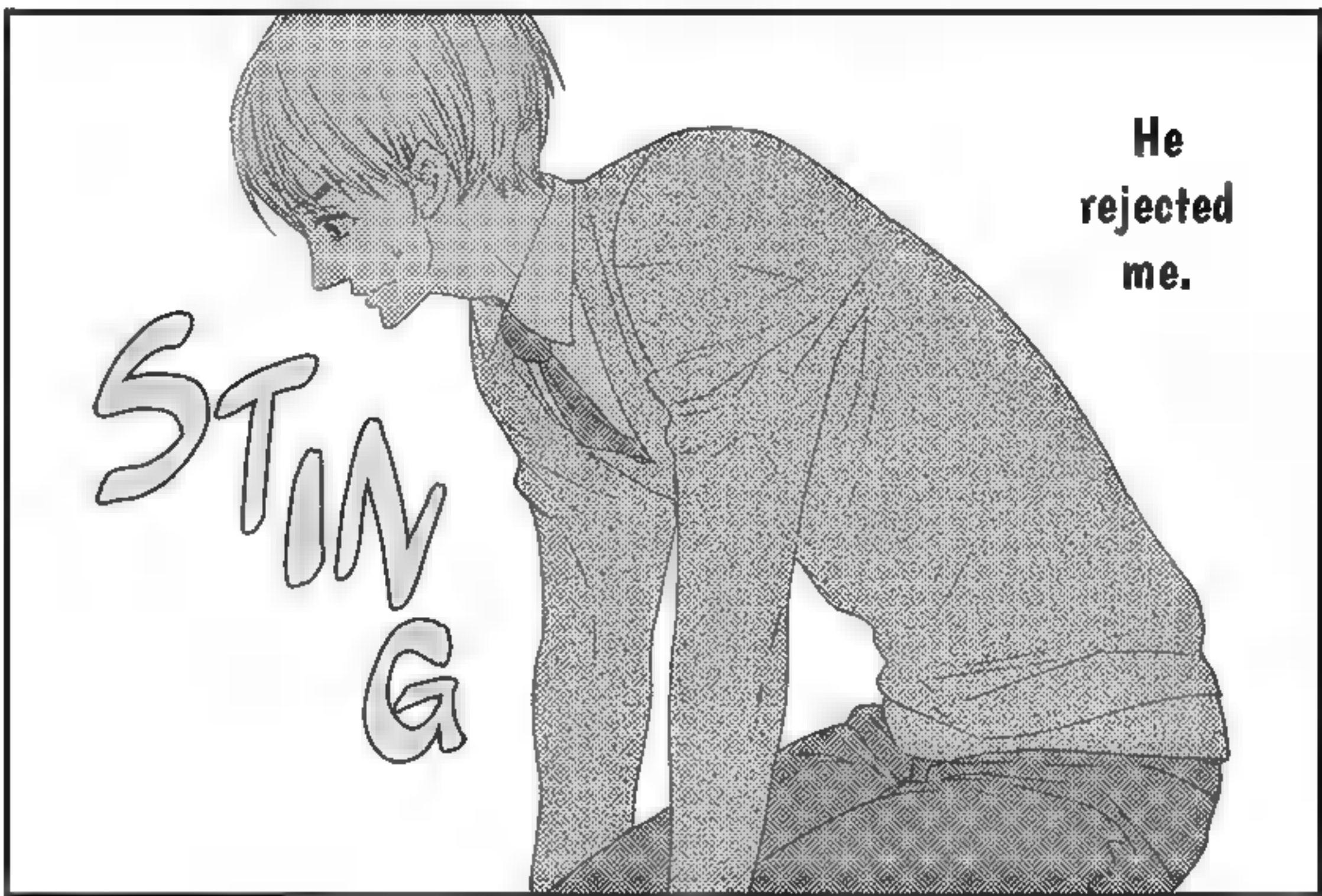
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He  
rejected  
me.

STING



squeeee

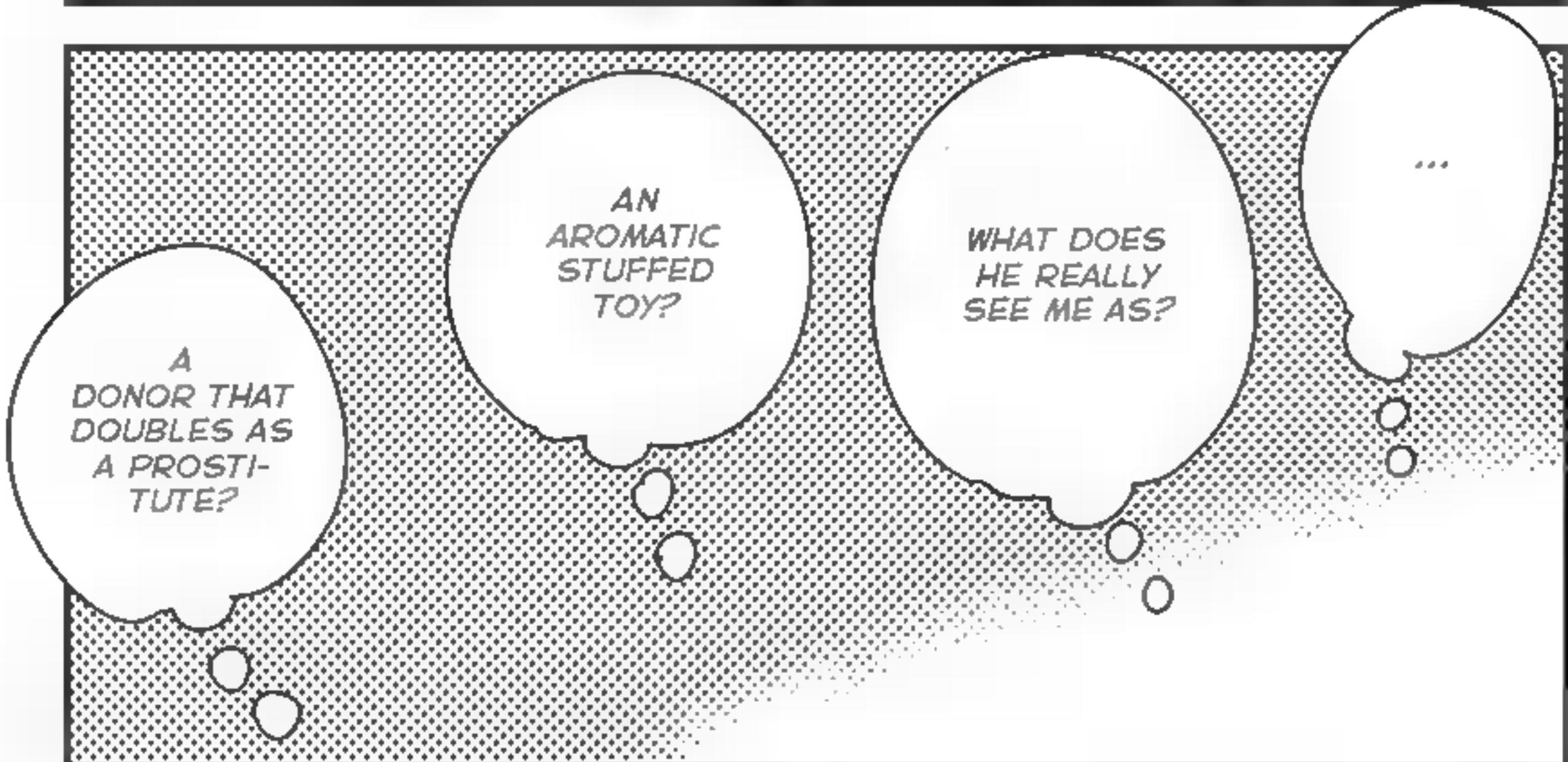


AND  
TRIES TO  
HAVE HIS  
WAY WITH  
ME...

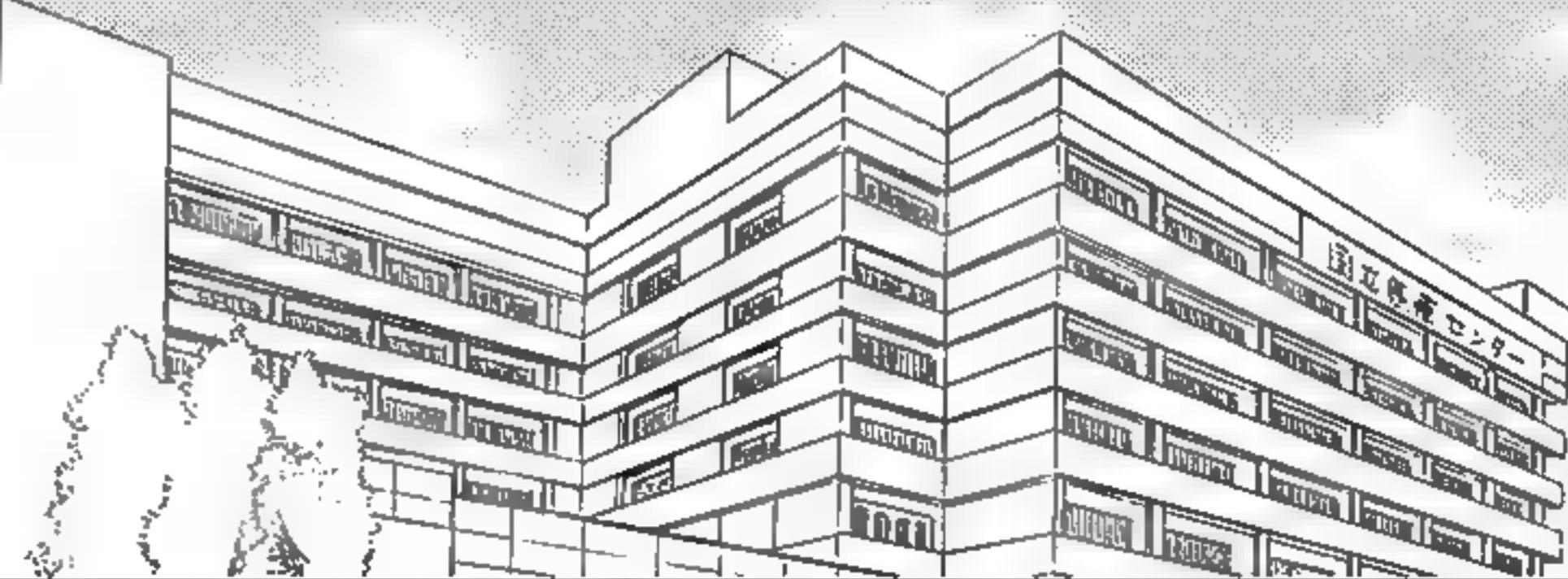
AND  
KISSES  
ME.

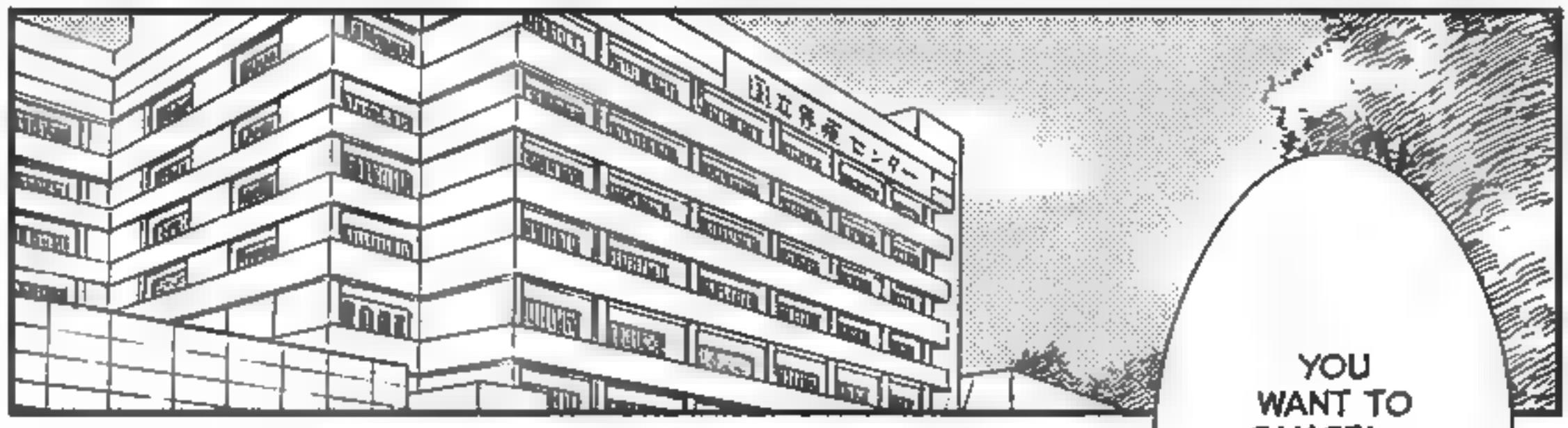
HE  
HUGS ME  
WHENEVER  
HE GETS A  
CHANCE.

THEN WHAT  
DOES THIS  
ALL MEAN?!



What does he  
think of me?





YOU  
WANT TO  
CANCEL...



IS IT  
DOABLE?



YOU MUST  
SATISFY THREE  
REQUIREMENTS.

3. If the  
donor passes  
away.

2. If ■ Ikigami's  
injuries cannot be  
healed even with  
organ transplants.

1. If  
the ikigami  
passes away.

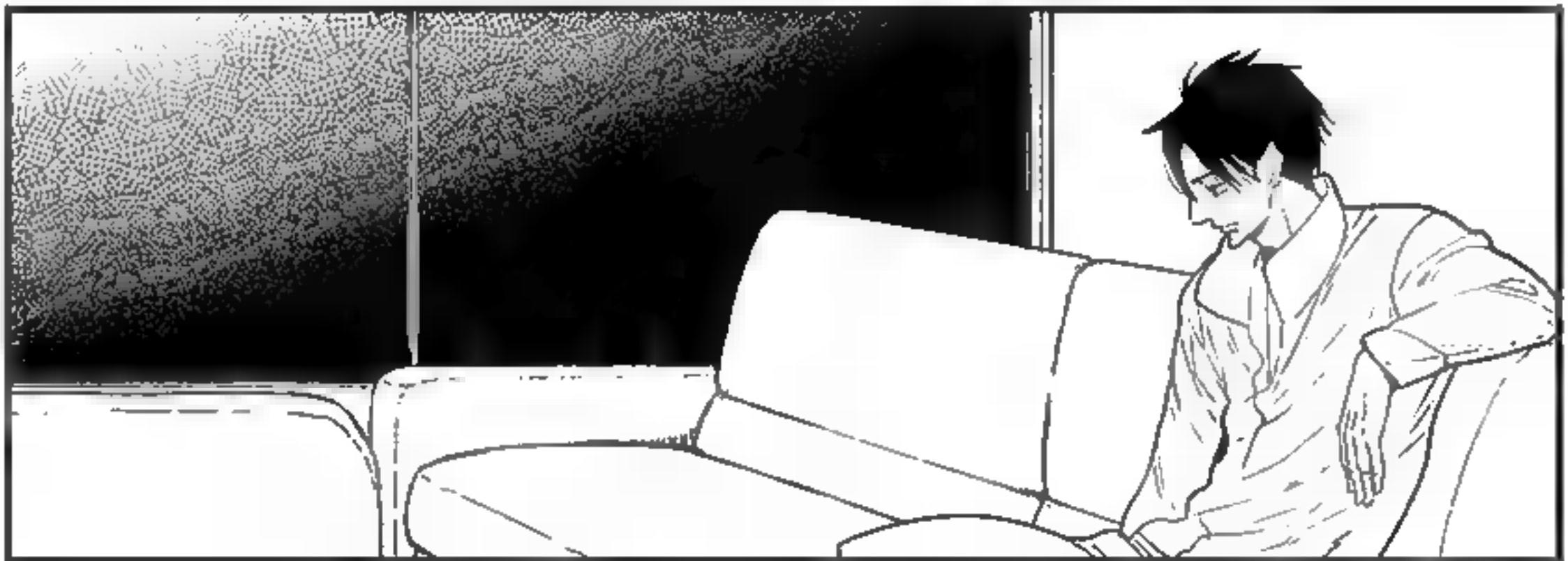


SO EITHER  
HE OR I HAVE  
TO DIE?



IN OTHER  
WORDS, IT IS  
IMPOSSIBLE TO  
CANCEL THE  
CONTRACT.

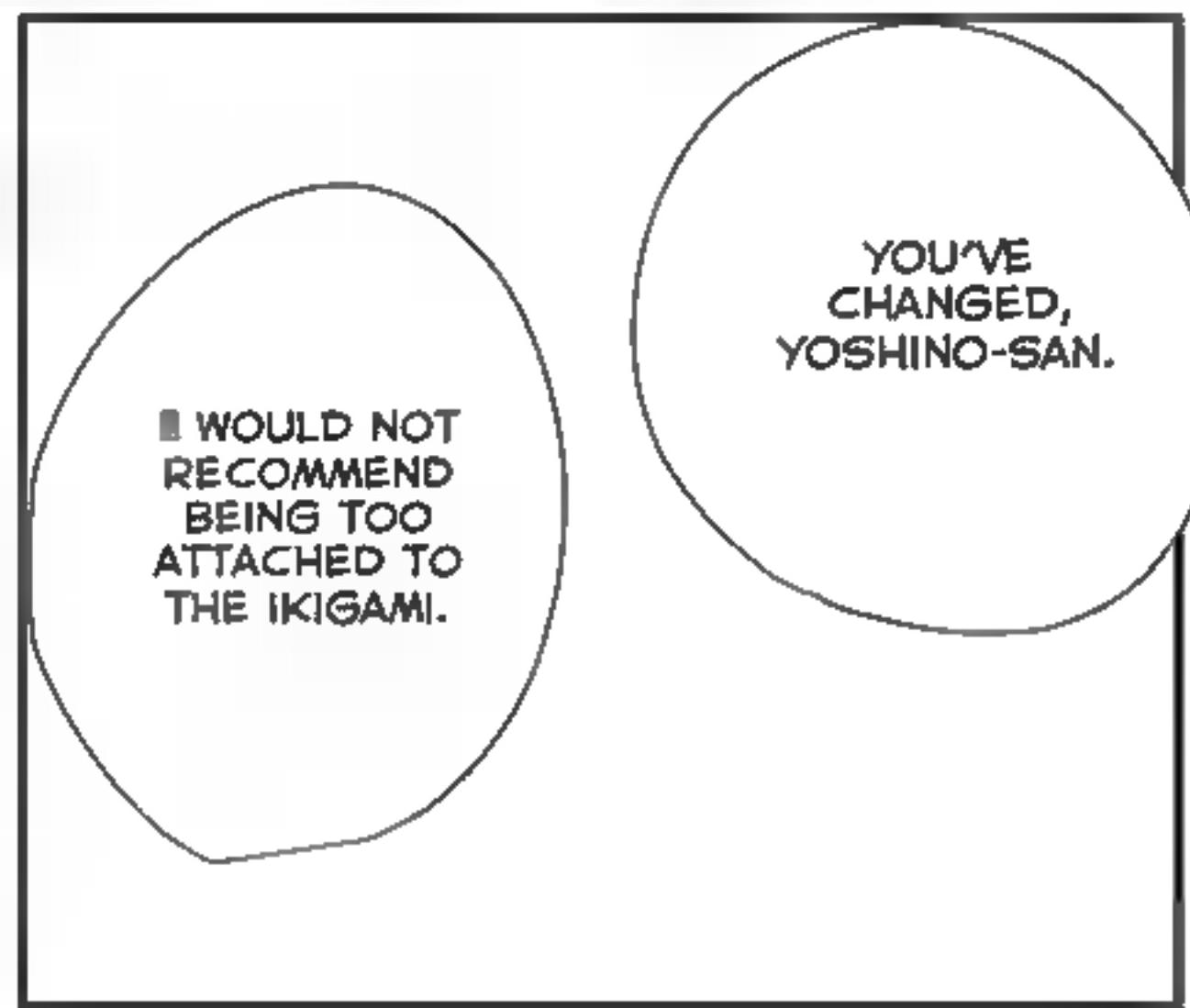
THAT'S  
RIGHT.



HOW'S  
KIDOU  
BEEN  
DOING,  
LATELY?



...YOU ARE,  
KIDOU'S  
DONOR.





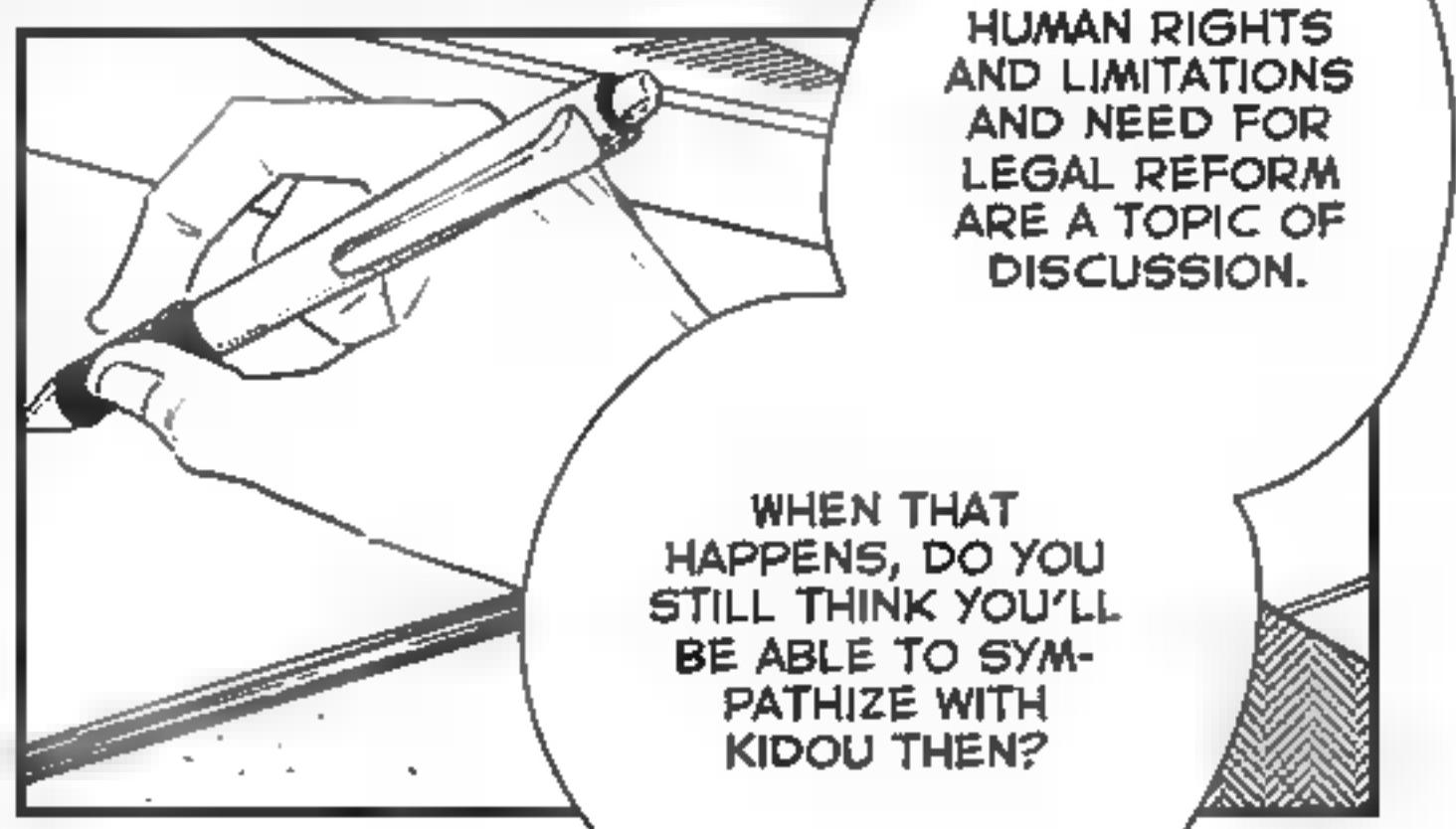
IF KIDOU  
SUSTAINS A  
SERIOUS  
INJURY...

YOU  
KNOW WHAT  
HAPPENS.



AND IT IS  
YOUR DUTY TO  
DONATE YOUR  
TISSUE TOO.

A DONOR IS  
REQUIRED TO  
PROVIDE AS MANY  
ORGANS AS THEY  
CAN, GIVEN THEY  
DON'T DIE.



IKIGAMI ARE  
AN IRREGULAR  
EXISTENCE.

A DONOR'S  
HUMAN RIGHTS  
AND LIMITATIONS  
AND NEED FOR  
LEGAL REFORM  
ARE A TOPIC OF  
DISCUSSION.

WHEN THAT  
HAPPENS, DO YOU  
STILL THINK YOU'LL  
BE ABLE TO SYM-  
PATHIZE WITH  
KIDOU THEN?

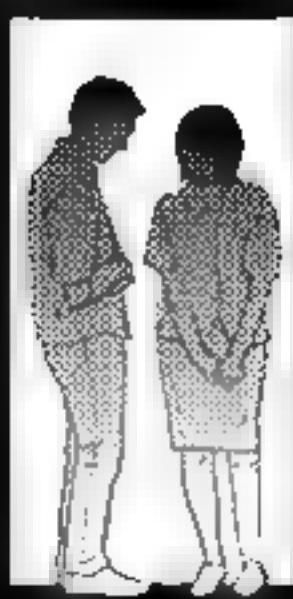


But if they catch a small cold, it becomes pneumonia.

Anesthesia and fever medicine don't work on them.

We learn that the child is an ikigami: when a mother brings her child to the hospital, unable to stop its bleeding.

IT'S NOT RARE  
FOR CASES OF  
NEGLECT TO  
POP UP  
EITHER.



IKIGAMI ARE  
JUDGED WHEN  
THEY ARE  
YOUNG.

IF WE'RE NOT  
CAREFUL, THEY  
CAN HURT US,  
AND IN TURN,  
WE CAN HURT  
THEM.

WE CANNOT SEE  
OUR CHILDREN  
IN PAIN.

BUT WE  
REALIZE HOW  
SMALL WE  
ARE.

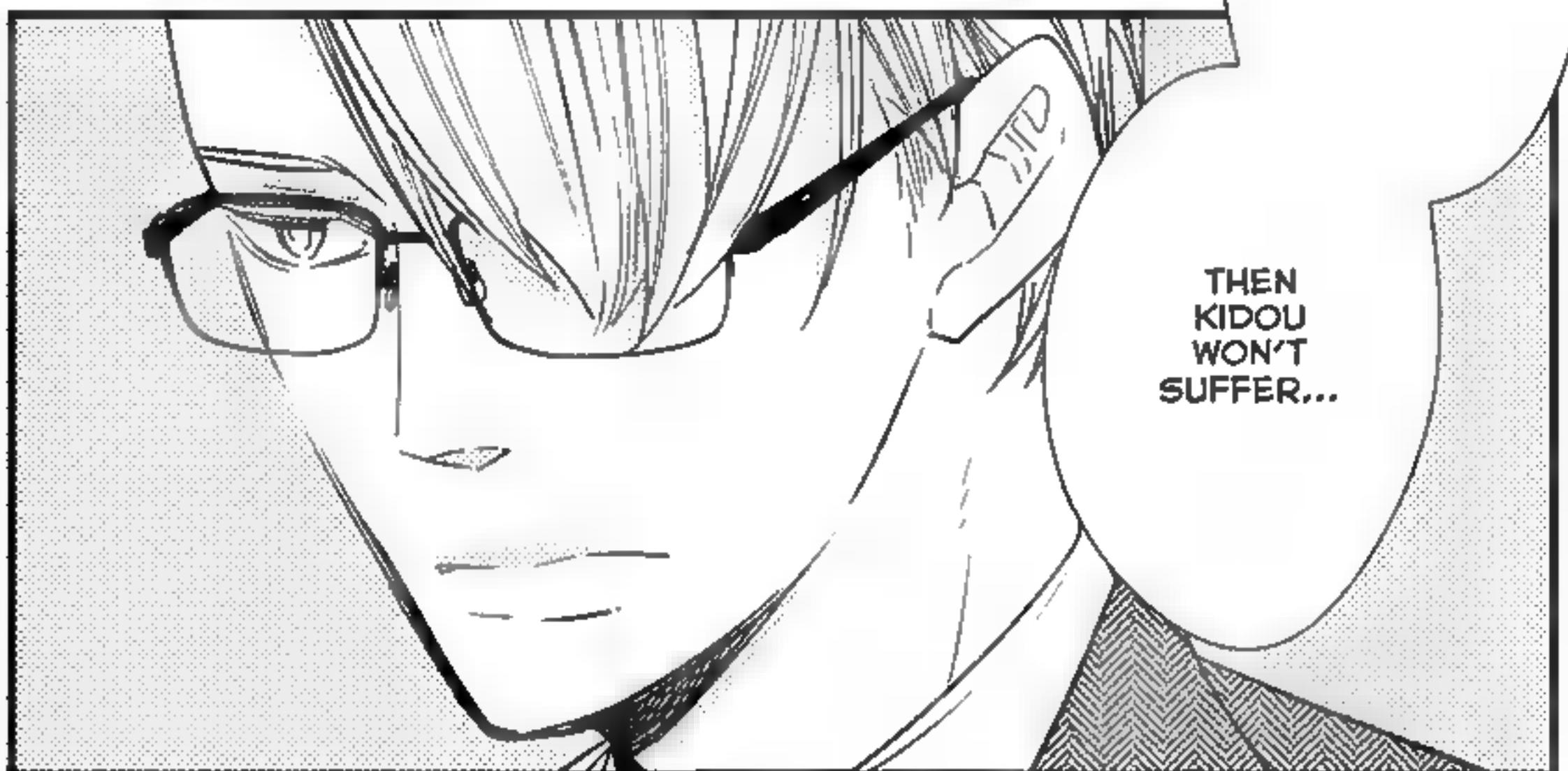
THEY DON'T  
LOOK MUCH  
DIFFERENT  
FROM US,

IT IS  
DIFFICULT  
FOR OUR  
SOCIETY TO  
ADAPT TO  
THAT.

IKIGAMI  
ARE TOO  
ABNORMAL.

WHETHER  
IT'S A NORMAL  
PERSON...OR  
EVEN A FAMILY  
MEMBER...

IT WOULD BE  
TIRING TO LIVE  
WITH IKIGAMI.



THAT'S IF  
THERE DIDN'T  
EXIST PEOPLE  
WHO USE THE  
IKIGAMI.



Tanaka  
(18)

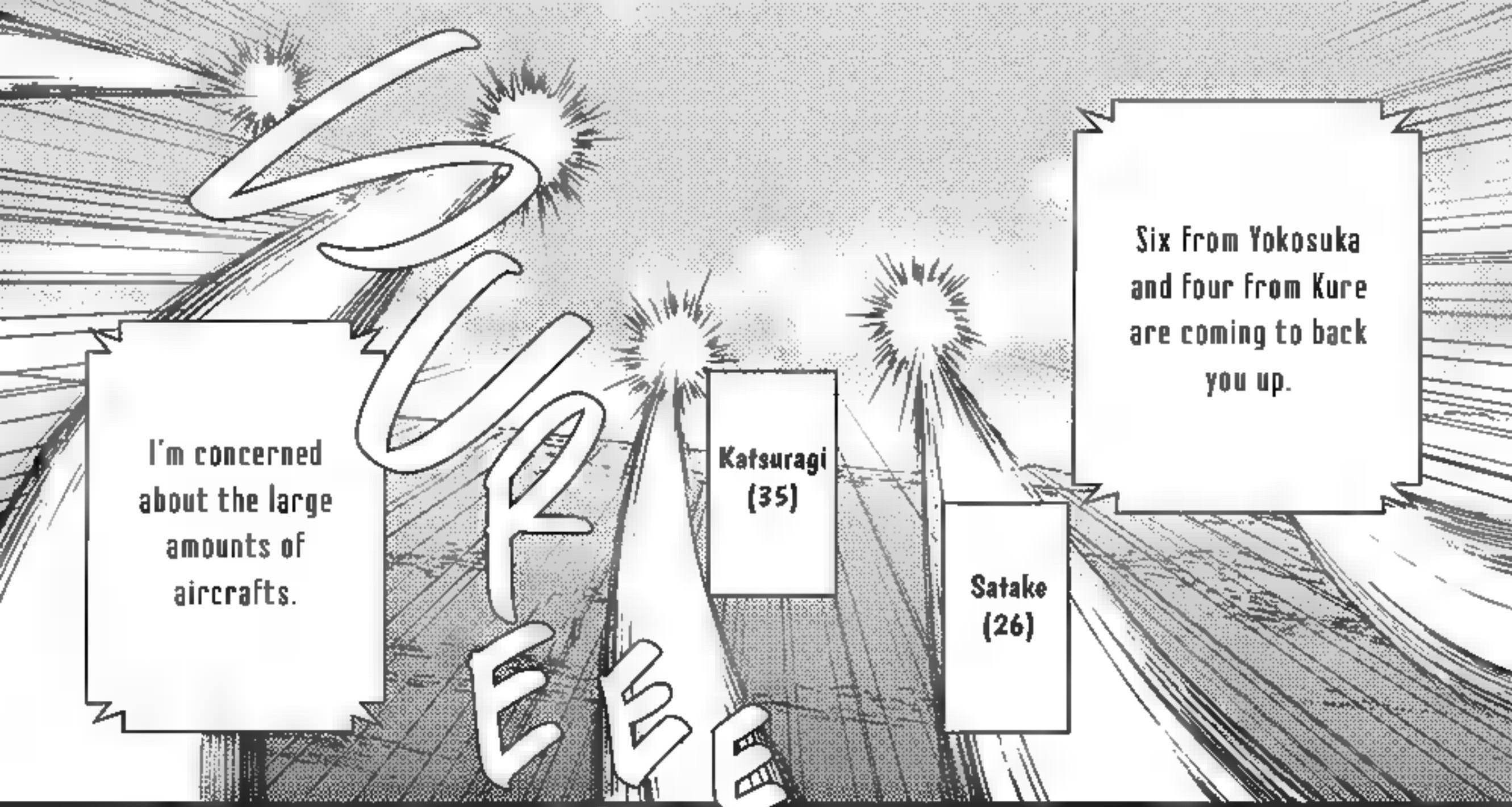
BUT WE'VE ONLY GOT FIVE OF US.

WHAT?

It's about  
10 - 14. We're  
unsure how  
many exactly.

THAT'S A LOT. GIVE ME AN EXACT NUMBER.

Kidou  
(20)



Six From Yokosuka  
and Four From Kure  
are coming to back  
you up.

I'm concerned  
about the large  
amounts of  
aircrafts.

Katsuragi  
(35)

Satake  
(26)



TANAKA,  
DUCK!

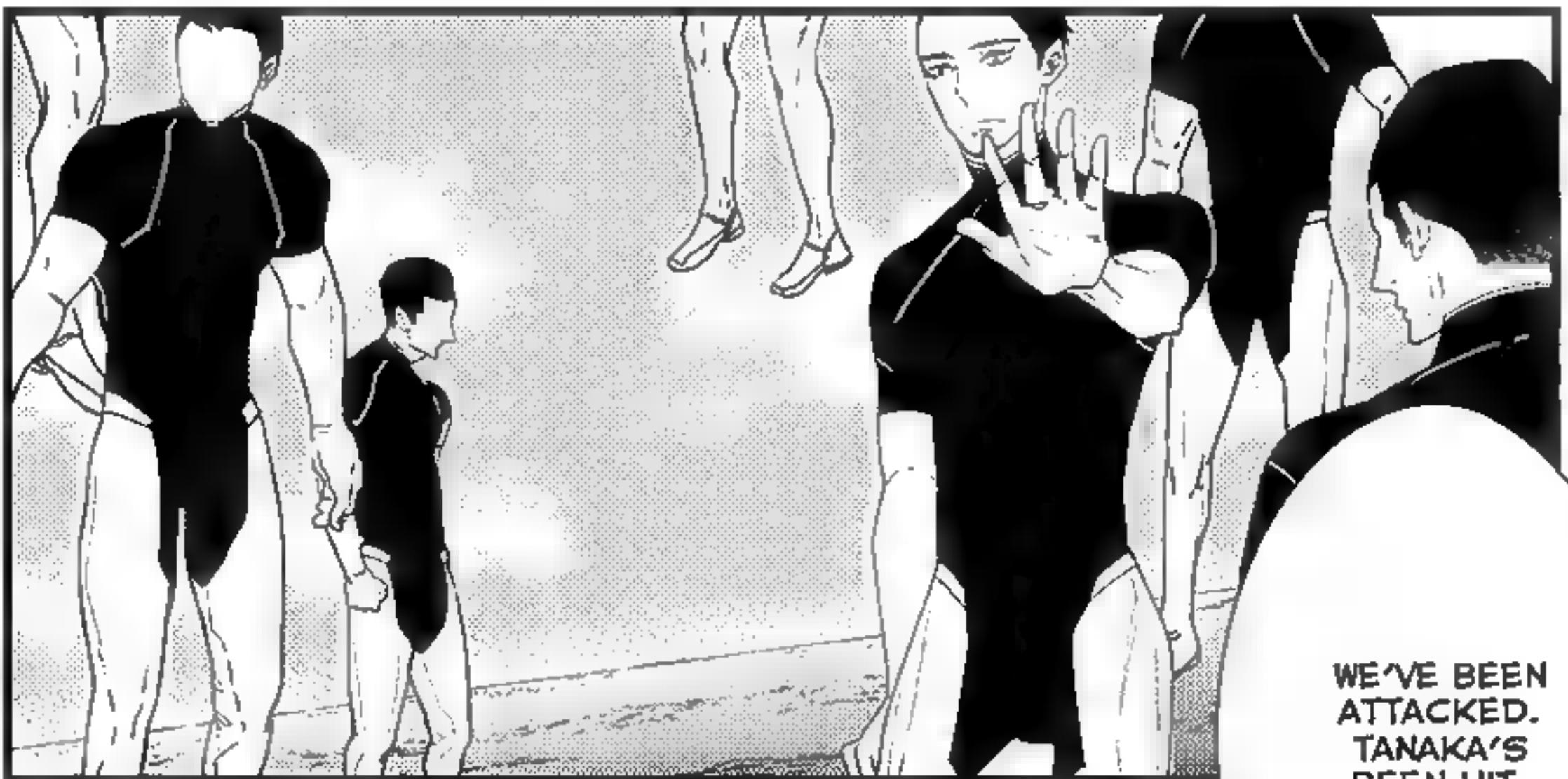
Wait for  
reinforce-  
ments.

They're  
TELLING US  
TO GO FOR  
IT.



TANAKA!!





And  
Kure in seven  
minutes!

The Yokosuka  
team estimated  
arrival is five  
minutes!

WHERE'S  
THE  
BACKUP?

EVEN IF WE  
HAVE FOUR OR  
FIVE GUYS, WE  
CAN'T SAVE  
TANAKA.

THEY'LL  
BEGIN PICKING  
OFF THE WEAK  
LINKS ONE BY  
ONE.

NO.

SHOULD  
WE SPLIT  
UP?

WHAT TO  
DO...

WHAT TO  
DO...



COVER ME.

I GUESS I'LL  
DISTRACT THEM  
UNTIL THE  
YOKOSUKA  
TEAM GETS  
HERE.



MAN,  
WHAT NIMBLE  
BASTARDS.



THAT MEANS YOU'VE STILL GOT A SUPPLY OF TWO MORE EYES,



"THAT'S  
KAMIOKA'S  
DONOR.  
HE'S  
DONATING  
HIS  
FLESH."

"WHY DO  
I HAVE  
TO DO  
THIS..."

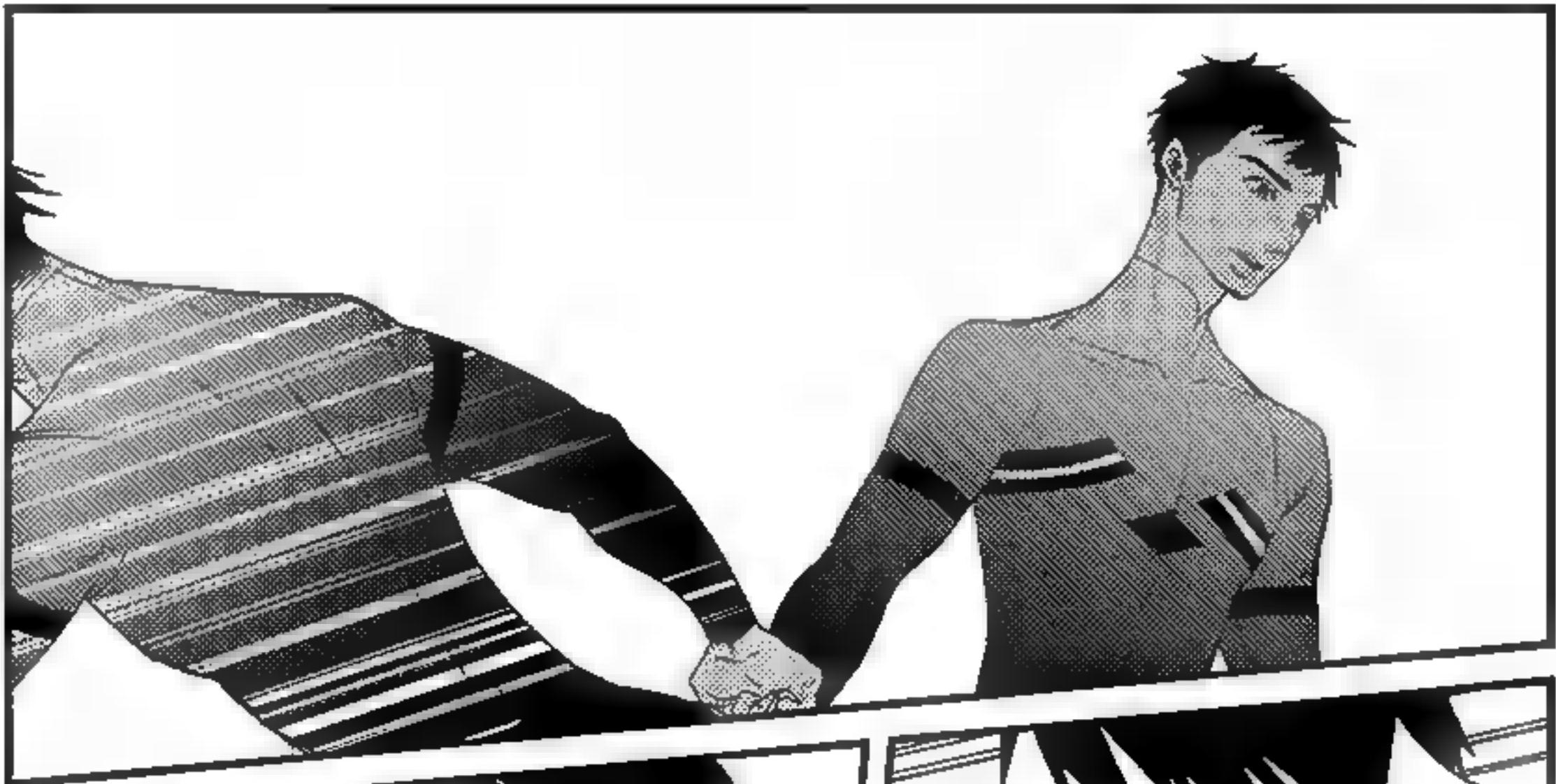
Kidou...



Kidou...?!

SHEDDING





NOW! GO  
FOR THE  
SMALL  
ONE!

COME  
BACK!

TANAKA...!

















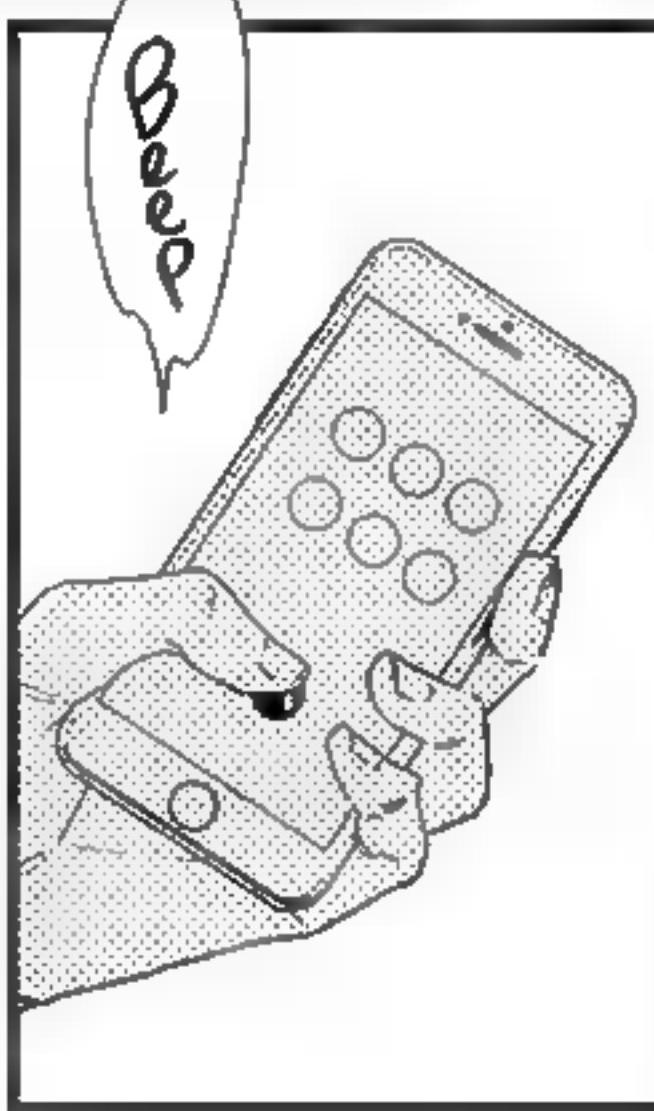
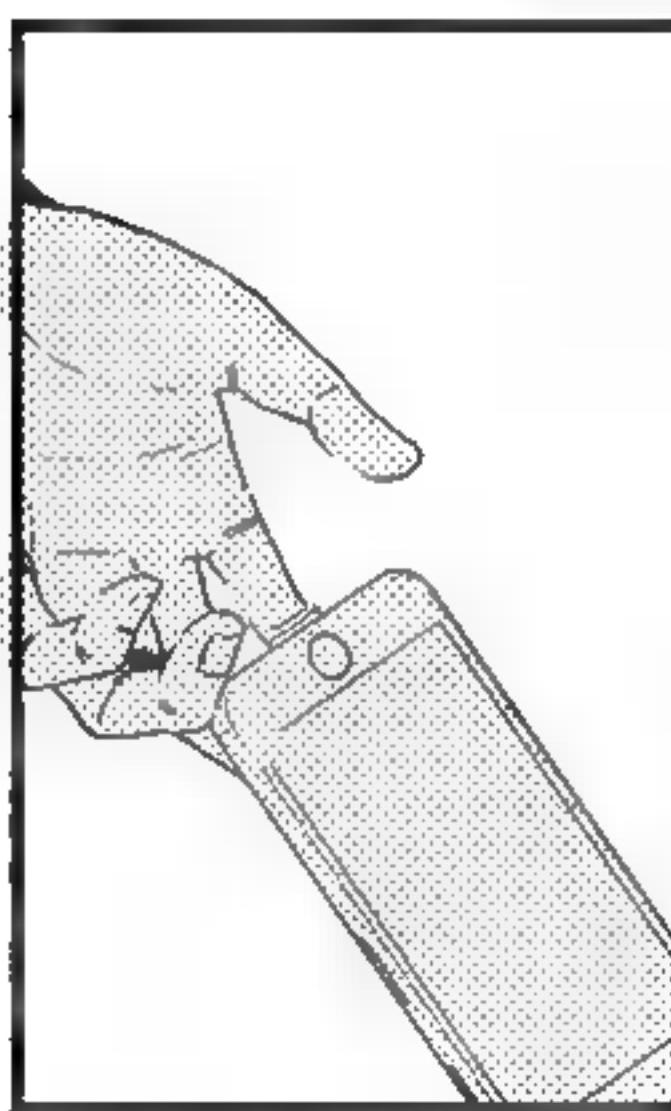
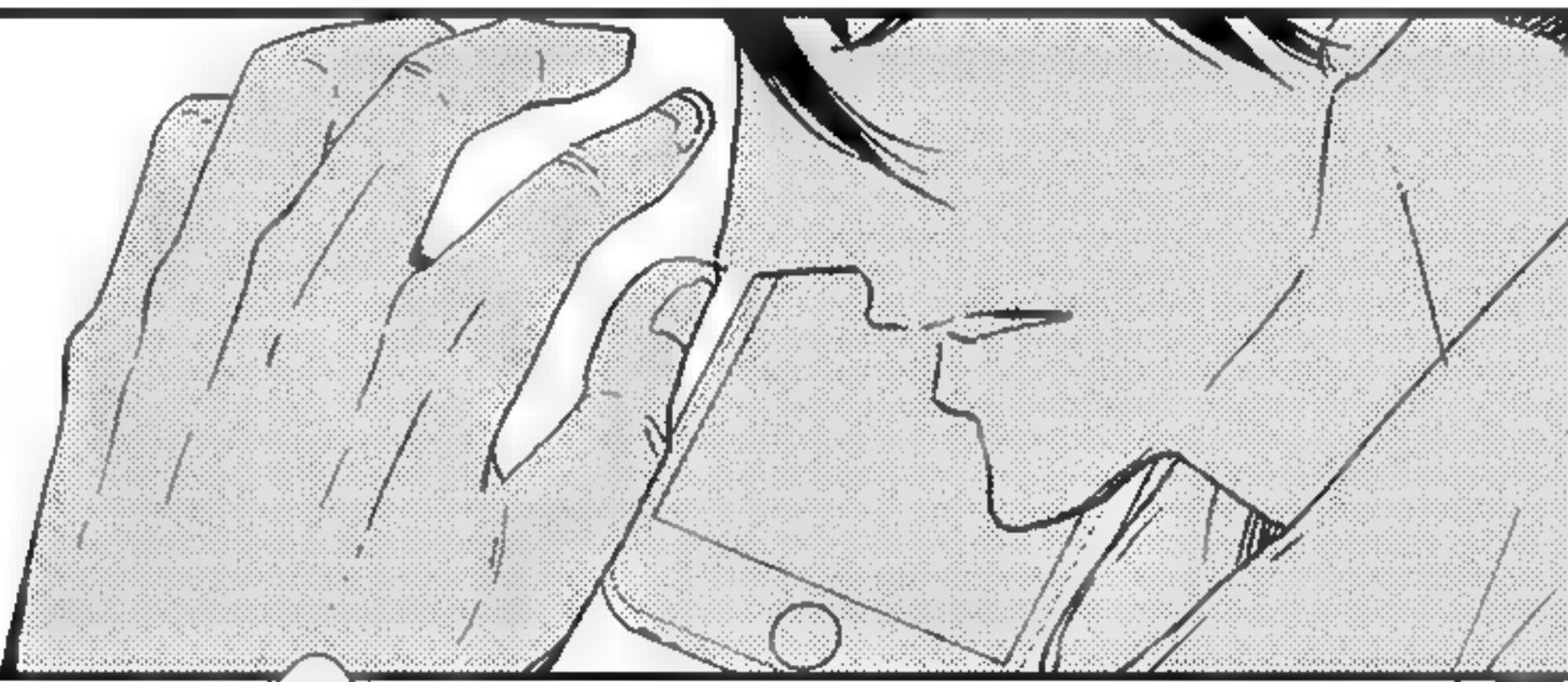
...I'LL BE  
STAYING  
HERE THIS  
HOLIDAY.

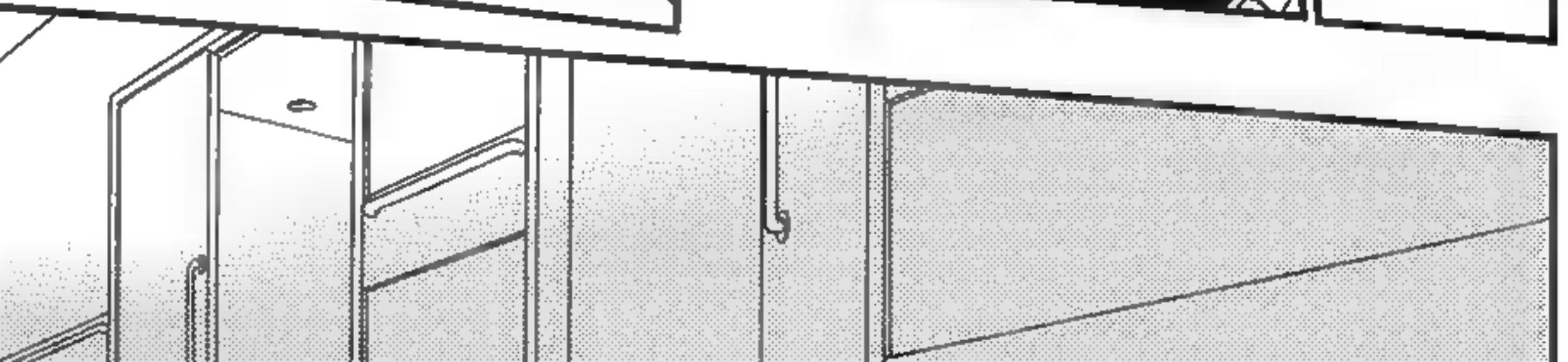


I'VE GOT  
MISSIONS.



....







IT'S FINE  
FOR ME TO  
STAY WITH  
YOU.

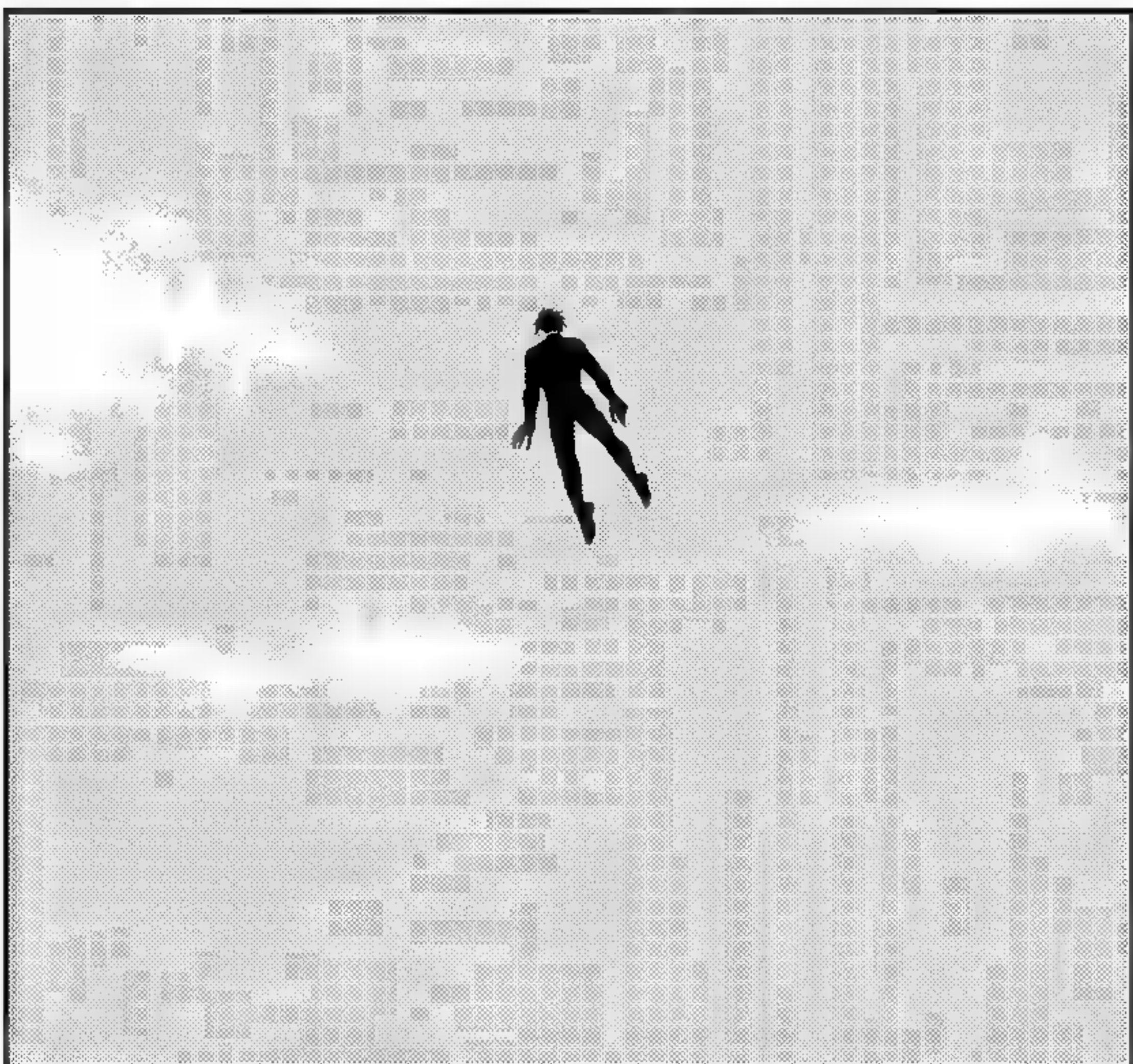
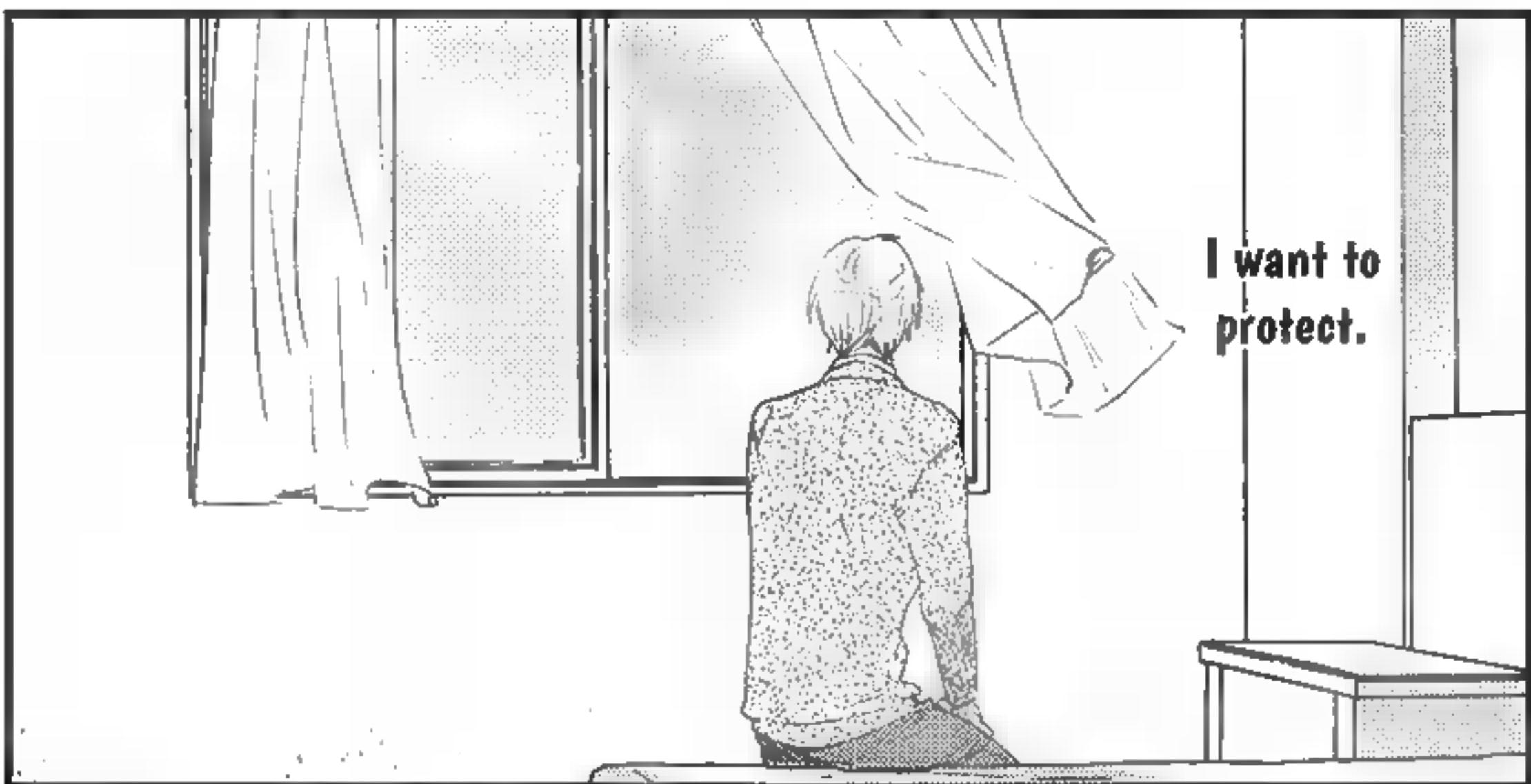


COME ON,  
JUST FOR  
TODAY.



I don't have  
anything...

WHAT HAVE  
YOU BEEN  
FIGHTING  
FOR THIS  
WHOLE  
TIME?

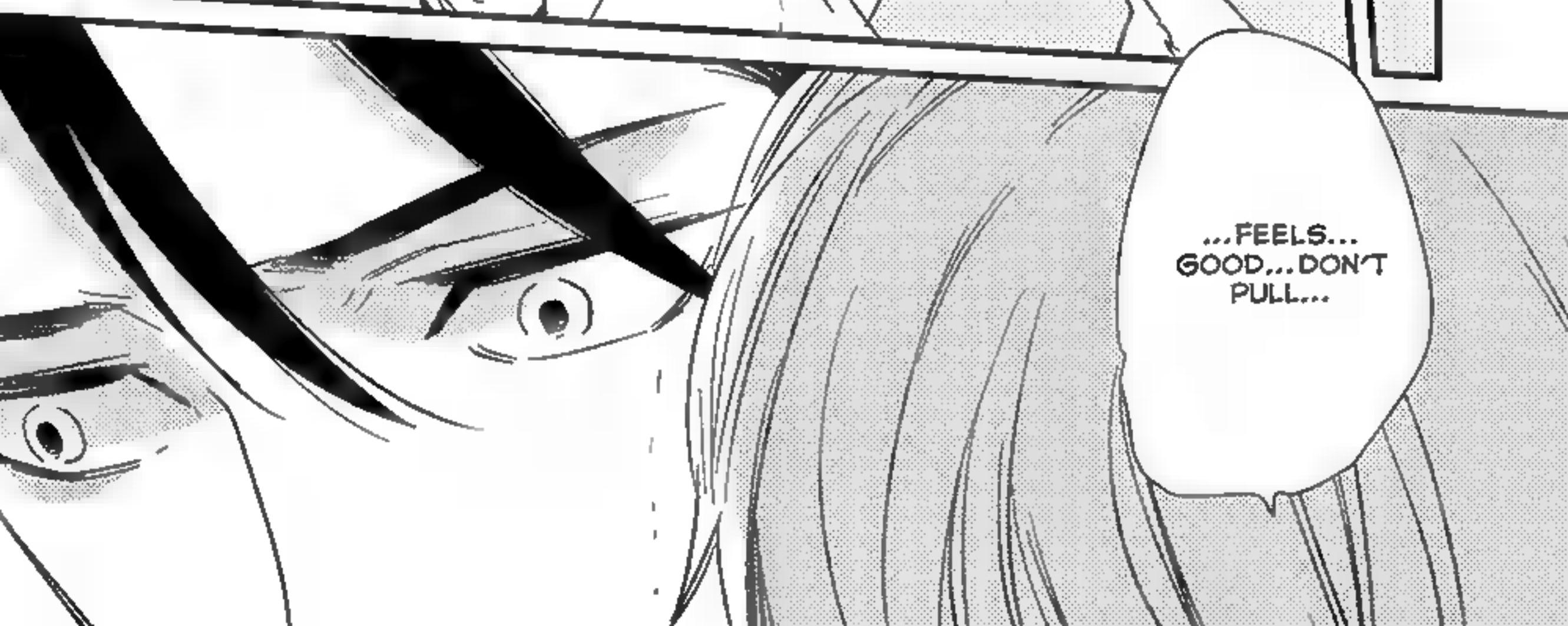




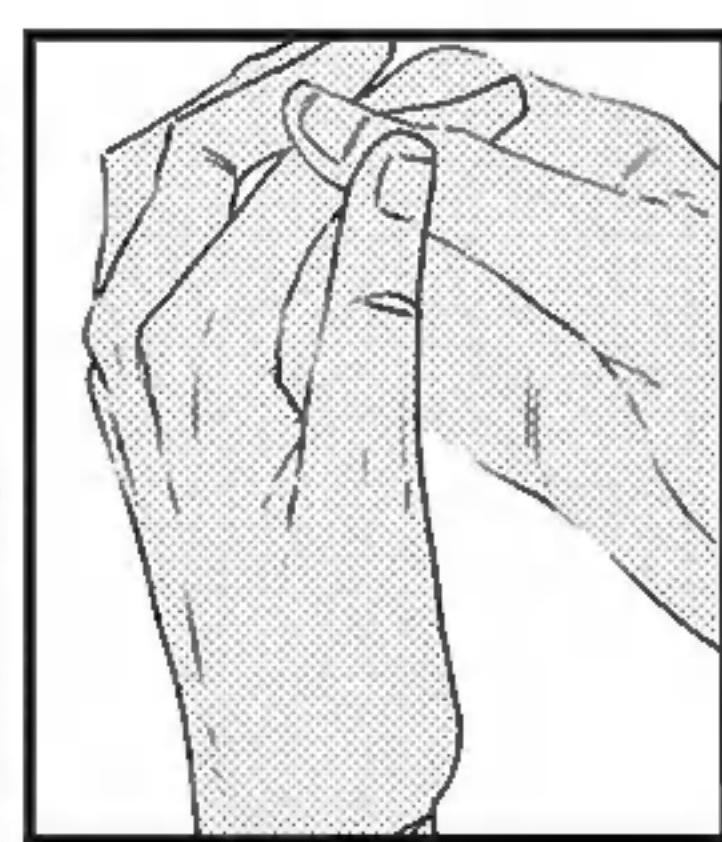












AND  
THAT'S WHY  
YOU RAN?



I POP  
INTO YOUR  
MIND...

I'LL  
GIVE YOU  
EVERYTHING  
I HAVE.

I WILL  
HEAL YOU.

I DON'T  
CARE HOW  
INJURED  
YOU GET.

YOU  
DON'T  
NEED  
TO  
THINK  
ABOUT  
IT.

BECAUSE  
I WANT TO  
PROTECT  
YOU.

Protect you,  
who doesn't  
have anything  
you want to  
protect.

I WANT TO  
PROTECT  
YOU.